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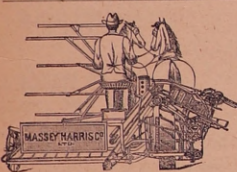
In devoting so much attention to our Wall Paper Trade, it has more than doubled since last year. This means we are giving good values and carrying the very latest Stocks.

Drug Department * * *

This Department is always first, and demands the most careful attention.

Moth Camphor, Paint-Soap,
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Coloring and Dye Stuffs, for Spring.

Parker's Drug Store



If you want a first class
BINDER—
Get the Massey-Harris
If you want a first class
BICYCLE—
Get a Massey-Harris
It will pay you before you buy to see
G. L. SCOTT,
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HELLO THERE!

Do you want a good MILK CAN?
We have one that will stand the wear.
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We have a full line of
**Dairy Pails,
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Call and see our stock of
SEEDS
All kinds on hand.
H. & J. WARREN,
THE HARDWARE & TINWARE MERCHANTS,
MILL ST.

PERSONALS.

Jas. Parker, B.A., arrived home from Queen's University, Kingston, on Monday morning last.

Mr. Chas. Smith, of Campbellford, was in town on Tuesday.

Miss Florence McWilliams, of Marmora, has been visiting with relatives in town.

Mr. Irving Smart, B.A., late of Queen's University, Kingston, who is on his way to his home in Riverside, California, is the guest of Mr. Jas. Parker.

Miss Geraldine Holey arrived home on Saturday morning last, after an absence of over two months. She was accompanied by Miss May Snider and Mr. Snider, of Brighton, who remained here until Sunday.

The Ah-Wa-Go Medicine Co. is here, and holding out in front of the Stirling House each evening. They intend to remain here about a week.

Christianity and Science.

"Christianity and Science" (manilla covers, 10 cents; cheaper form, 5 cents) is one of the excellent pamphlets forming "The Anti-Faithful Library" of H. L. Hastings, Boston, Mass. It shows the wonderful agreement between the Bible and modern scientific discoveries, and is one of the best works of its size ever written. Send for a copy.

Near Newmarket on Saturday evening Mrs. Luther Miller, Mrs. Mathew Morton, Wm. H. Peters and Edwin Linstead were killed at a crossing of the G.T.R., Northern division.

Lady's Bicycle Cheap.

We have for sale at the Oak Hall, Belleville, one only Lady's Pioneer Bicycle. This is an up-to-date wheel, 1888 model, all the latest improvements and a fine spring padded saddle. The regular price would be \$40, but we have only the one, and the first comer may have it for \$30 cash. If you are interested you want to speak quickly.

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Trains called at Stirling station as follows—
Going west. 10:55 a.m.
Mail. 6:13 a.m. Mail. 2:20 p.m.
Mixed. 6:32 p.m. Mixed. 10:30 a.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1898.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The price of bread has been raised to twelve cents per loaf.

Rev. H. Spencer, of North Addington, has been appointed by the Bishop to the parish of Stirling.

You get the best value in Plow Boots at Martin & Reynolds.

The first regular meeting of the Stirling Officers Board will be held on Wednesday next, May 11th, in Mr. J. S. Black's office. A full attendance of members is requested.

The machinery for Mr. Wm. Montgomery's steam laundry arrived here a few days ago and is being placed in position. He expects to have it ready for operation next week.

See the up-to-date Sittings at ward's.

A number of Oddfellows from Stirling Lodge No. 239 attended the funeral of Mr. Jas. Holbert, who was buried at Thomaburg on Sunday, May 1st. The funeral was conducted by the Madoc Lodge.

A year ago the fence in front of the High School was removed, and a few days since the fence in front of the Public School was also taken away. The removing of the fences makes a great improvement.

We have that Hat for you at ward's.

At the closing exercises in connection with Queen's University, Kingston, which took place last week, the degree of B. A. was conferred on Jas. Parker of this village, and A. J. Meiklejohn, of Big Springs. We congratulate both these gentlemen on their success.

A Hot Time this week in ward's advt.

A petition, praying the Council to pass an Early Closing By-Law, has been circulated during the past week, and has been signed by nearly all of our merchants. It provides for early closing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings of each week, at 6 p.m., from June 1st to September 1st.

Men's Low Shoes, sizes 5 and 6, from 75c. up at Martin & Reynolds.

A young son of Mr. Albert Bird met with a painful accident on Sunday last. He was leading a horse to water when it attempted to get away, and the little fellow was thrown violently down, his face coming in contact with some sharp substance, cutting it badly, and breaking the bones of the nose. Dr. Meiklejohn dressed his wounds.

Mr. Golding, hotelkeeper, Marmora, was fined the sum of \$90.00 and costs for selling liquor on Sunday. He was also fined a small sum for another violation of the license act. Since the 24th of March last no less than seven charges of violation of the license act have been laid by the Inspector, and fines inflicted in every case. And there are "more to follow."

Did you get your Hat in the rush at ward's last Saturday? If not, it's here yet.

The sad news was received on Monday evening last of the death of John McDougall, in Montreal. His remains arrived here on Wednesday morning, and were interred in Stirling cemetery. Mr. McDougall was well known in this village and vicinity, having lived in Stirling all his life until a few years since, when he went to Montreal; and his many friends here will regret his death. He was in the 81th year of his age.

As announced last week Mr. W. E. Ramsay gave two entertainments in the Music Hall on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday last. It is acknowledged by all that his entertainments are the best that have visited our village for a long time. The scenery shown by the cinematograph are excellent and life-like; while the songs and stories given in Mr. Ramsay's inimitable style stamp him as the prince of entertainers, and highly delighted the audience. The entertainments were under the patronage of the Public School, and will add something to the library fund, enabling the school to enlarge its already excellent library. Miss Currie (Monday) and Mrs. Carstairs (Tuesday) were the accompanists, and rendered excellent music.

Warkworth merchants have adopted the early closing movement.

Rev. Eber Crumme, B. A., B. Sc.,
Coming to Stirling.

The Epworth League has been fortunate in securing the services of one of Canada's most eloquent and forcible speakers, for Tuesday evening May 10th. On that evening Rev. Eber Crumme, B. A., B. Sc., late Dean of Theology in the College of Tokyo, Japan, will deliver a lecture on life in Japan, in the Methodist Church. Those who heard Mr. Crumme on Good Friday evening, in the Presbyterian Church, in connection with the young people's Convention will want to hear him again, and all who had not the privilege then will miss a rare treat if they do not hear him now. Lecture to commence at 8 o'clock. Admission 10 cents.

Church Service of C.O.O.F.

The Canadian order of Oddfellows of Stirling propose holding their Church parade on Sabbath May 15th. The following sister lodges have been invited, viz., Marmora, Trenton, Sidney, Springbrook, Madoc and Halloway. The above lodges will meet at the C.O.O.F. lodge room, over Wm. Holden's store, and march to the Methodist Church. The Rev. W. D. P. Wilson has been invited to deliver an address on the subject of Oddfellowship. Hour of service 3.30 p.m.

We understand preparations are being pushed forward for a grand celebration here on the 24th of May. The Hastings lacrosse club will come here for the day, as also Madoc Club, and a good game of lacrosse will be played by these famous clubs, the best in the district. The Stirling Cornet Band is putting itself in trim by faithful practice, and will furnish good music, assisted by the Madoc Band. Make your arrangements to spend the 24th in Stirling.

Married.

KERR-KENNEDY.—In St. John's Church, Halloway, on April 29th, by the Rev. R. J. Carson, WILLIAM HENRY KERR to MARY ANN KENNEDY, both of Marmora.

Deaths.

BASS.—In Halloway, on April 28, MARIA BASS, aged 62 years, 3 months and 28 days.

HOLBERT.—At Thomaburg, on April 29th, JAMES HOLBERT, aged 35 years, 11 months and 11 days.

SINE.—In Rawdon, on May 1st, SARAH E., wife of Perry Sine, aged 43 years, 7 months and 25 days.

WEDDELL.—At Trenton, on May 3rd, 1898, ROBERT WEDDELL, Sr., aged 72 years.

STIRLING MARKET.

Butter—15c to 15c per lb.
Eggs, fresh—8c to 8c. per doz.
Farmers' Lard—10c to 10c per lb.
Apples, green—75c. to \$1.00 per bag.
Potatoes—45c to 50c per bag.
Timothy seed—\$2.00 to \$2.25 per bus.
Hay—\$8.00 to \$8.00 per ton.
Oats—30c to 30c per bus.
Peas—55c to 55c per bus.
Rye—50c. to 50c. per bus.
Barley—35c. to 35c. per bus.
Buckwheat—30c. to 40c. per bus.
Wheat—35c. to 35c. per bus.
Deakins 50c.

WANTED.

500 Bags of GOOD POTATOES, for which we will pay 45cts. cash or trade.

HUNGARIAN & MILLET.

We have a good supply on hand of the above, which we can guarantee to be free from any foul seed.

FLOUR.

When you buy Flour at this store you get what you pay for. If it is not exactly as represented return it and we will refund your money.

SALT.

We have both WINDSOR and CLINTON SALT.

WE PAY 8 CENTS FOR EGGS.

WM. HOLDEN.

The War Is On And We are In It

With the finest line of Footwear that you have seen in Stirling. We are waging a war against high prices but at the same time give you the latest and best the market affords.

Look at these prices for strictly New Goods:

Ladies' fine Dongola Oxfords, coin toe, patent tip, \$1.00.
Ladies' good solid Tan Oxford, a neat one, \$1.10.
Ladies' fine Dongola Button Boot, coin toe, patent tip, \$1.25.
Men's Fine Boots from \$1.00 up.
Men's Chocolate and Tan Boots from \$1.90 up.
Girls' and Misses' Fine Oxfords from 75c. up.
Men's Plow Boots, any kind you want, every pair priced right.

Our Bargain Baskets are being rapidly emptied, but we fill them every day at 25c., 50c. and 75c.

MARTIN & REYNOLDS.
BRING US YOUR BUTTER AND EGGS.

THE MAP OF THE WORLD IS CHANGING!

And at the Corner Store of J. BOLDRICK & SON you will find a nice line of all that gentlemen require to wear. Our HATS especially are quite up-to-date. As usual, we float with the changing scenes of fashion, which Solomon pronounced all vanity. We invite all who know or value a good class of goods to call and see us.

JAS. BOLDRICK & SON.

WE HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOU THIS WEEK IN THE TEA LINE.

Having purchased a Bankrupt Tea Stock in Toronto, we are prepared to sell you 25c. Black and Japan Tea for 15c. a pound. This is a Bargain you should not miss.

Only Two More Weeks BEFORE WE MOVE

And the knife goes in deeper than ever, so don't lose the chance of your lifetime to buy choice goods at exceptionally low prices

E. F. PARKER.

THE NEWS-ARGUS
ONLY \$1.00 PER ANNUM.

HARDWARE!

I expect to move into my new store next week, with a full and complete stock of Shelf and Heavy Hardware.

I have two carloads of Goods coming in, which have been purchased at rock bottom prices. MIXED PAINTS, OILS, WHITE LEAD, SCREEN DOORS & WINDOWS, BICYCLES, STOVES, TINWARE, BARB WIRE, ETC.

My shop has all the latest improvements, with track and sliding ladders, also will be lit up with acetylene gas.

I welcome all to my new store, and solicit your valued trade.

L. MEIKLEJOHN.

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Deaths, Marriages and Deaths inserted free.

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DENTIST.
HONOR GRADUATE OF TORONTO UNIVERSITY, and M. R. C. D. S. of Ontario.
Office—over Parker's Drug Store.
Will visit Parkville every Thursday.

FRANK ZWICK, M. B.
GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF Toronto Medical College, Licentiate of College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario.
Office and Residence—Dr. Boulter's former residence, Stirling.

G. G. THRASHER.
SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC, CONVEYANCER, ETC.
Office: McManney Block, Cor. Front and Bridge Streets.

J. EARL HALLIWELL, B.A.
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, COMMISSIONER.
Office over Boldrick's store, Stirling.

W. J. McCAMON,
BARRISTER, ETC., BELLEVILLE, ONT.
Office: McManney Block, Cor. Front and Bridge Streets.

W. P. McMAHON,
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC, CONVEYANCER, ETC., Belleville, Ont.
Private Money to Loan at Lowest Rates.
Offices, East side Front St.

JOHN S. BLACK
CONVEYANCER, COMMISSIONER FOR taking Affidavits. Office, over the store lately occupied by G. L. Scott, Stirling.

BAILIFFS AND AUCTIONEERS.
CHARLES BUTLER AND HARRY HARRIS, Bailiffs and Licensed Auctioneers for the County of Hastings. Satisfaction guaranteed. All orders promptly attended to. Butler, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, as usual. Residence, Stirling, Ont.

STIRLING LODGE
NO. 239.
I. O. O. F.
Meets in the Lodge room, corner block, EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
At 8 o'clock. G. L. SCOTT, R. S.

CENTISTRY.
D. L. HAWLEY, L. D. S.
TRENTON, GRADUATE OF THE TORONTO School of Dentistry, will visit Stirling professionally, the second and last Friday in each month until further notice.
The Dental Engine, Vitalized Air, Gas, and all the modern improvements known to dentistry, will be used for the painless extraction and preservation of the natural teeth.
Rooms at Scott House.

B. C. HUBBELL,
MARMORA.
ISSUER OF MARRIAGE LICENSES AND Justice of the Peace for County Hastings.

A. E. TWEEDE, V. S., Stirling.
Office one door west of the Kerby Hotel. All calls promptly attended day and night.

STIRLING MARBLE WORKS.
JOHN MOORE,
IMPORTER OF FOREIGN MARBLE AND GRANITE, has now on hand a full supply of Marble in Southern Falls and Blue; also, Granite. A call solicited. Shop on Front Street.

Note Heads, Envelopes,
Billheads, Circulars,
Cards, Posters,
—AND—
JOB PRINTING
OF ALL KINDS, AT
LOWEST RATES,
At News-Argus Office

Notice to the Public.
THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING TAKEN out license as Auctioneer for the County of Hastings is prepared to attend all sales on shortest notice. Terms as low as the lowest, and satisfaction guaranteed. Orders left at the News-Argus office or addressed to me at Stirling, will be promptly attended to.
WM. RODGERS.

SWINE BREEDERS, ATTENTION
I have for service Thoroughbred Duroc Jersey, Poland China, and two Tamworth Boars, registered. Thoroughbred Tamworth Pigs for sale, either sex. Also, a fine young Tamworth Boar. Terms reasonable.
W. T. SINE,
Lot 12, Con. 5, Rawdon. Sine P. O.

WANTED—Teachers and other bright men for vacation or permanent to collect for "Canada: An Encyclopedia of the Country," to five royal quarto volumes. No delivery. Compensation liberal.
THE LINSFORTH PUBLISHING CO., TORONTO.

AGENTS:
Job business is better than for years past. I have better and faster selling books, and clearing from \$10 to \$15 weekly. A few leaders are "Queen Victoria," "Life of Lord Nelson," "My Mother's History," "Progressive Speller," "Woman," "Klondike Gold Fields," "Glories of the Queen," "Breakfast, Dinner and Supper," Books on time.
BRADLEY-GARRISON COMPANY, LIMITED, TORONTO.

SPAIN'S NAVY BLOWN UP!
—BUT—
PRICES BLOWN DOWN AT WARD'S.
DON'T MISS READING THIS.

Clipper Neck Ties, 5c.
Four-in-Hand Ties, 10c., 3 for 25c.
Ready-made Knot Ties, 15c., worth 25c.
Bow Ties, 15c., 20c., 25c.
Black Cashmere Hose, 25c., 30c., worth 50c.
Black Cotton Hose, 15c., 2 pairs for 25c.
Colored Merino Hose, 15c., worth 25c.
Colored Cotton Hose, 4 p. for 25c.

TOOKES \$1.00 WHITE SHIRT.
King colored bosom Shirts, \$1.00, worth \$1.25.
Neglige Shirts, 50c., worth 75c., worth \$1.00.
Black Sateen Shirts, 50c., 75c., \$1.00.
Fancy Pleated Bosom Shirts, 75c. and \$1.00.
Flannellette Shirts, 20c.

Don't go Shirtless.
Bicycle Sweaters, 60c., 75c., \$1.00.
Bicycle Suits and Cap, .55.
Bicycle Belts, 25c., 50c.
We are making very nice Suits to order for \$10. Call and see them at

WARD'S, Your Tailor & Outfitter.
The PEOPLE'S STORE
IS CERTAINLY THE PLACE TO BUY HONEST GOODS, AND ALWAYS ONE PRICE TO ALL.

Dress Goods.
Only a few Dresses left at 35c. a yard, regular price 50c. Big Bargains. Come early and be suited.
We expect some of the latest designs in Pattern Dresses here on Saturday. Gimps and Silk to match.
Any person wanting a fine MUSLIN DRESS, newest things, be sure and come Saturday. First come, first served.
PRINTS.—We are now ready to show a fresh lot.
CHALLIES.—A few are selling at a great reduction to make room for Summer Goods.
LADIES' GLOVES, Silk, 40c., 50c., 25c., 15c., 10c., and upwards. Don't go elsewhere expecting to do better. Can suit you all.
LADIES' HOSE now in stock, 7c., 10c., 12c., 15c. and upwards. Don't go elsewhere expecting to do better. Can suit you all.
SCHOOL BOYS' HOSE.—We have a full line of Boys' Ribbed Hose, (heavy) from the smallest to the largest size.
A new line of SAILOR HATS selling at 25c. Always a fresh, up-to-date stock of other shapes on hand.
GROCERIES, ALL FRESH.—Japan Tea at 25c., a bargain. Come and try a sample package and be convinced we have the best in town.
CASH PAID FOR EGGS. (HOUSE TO RENT.)

C. F. STICKLE.
Her Watch Wouldn't Go

I peeped into her watch when she said "the old thing wouldn't go." After a hasty glance I didn't wonder, and my diagnosis was "Indigestion." Pasted against the inner side of the case were: 1.—A portrait of her first love. 2.—Some dead forget-me-nots. 3.—A four-leaved clover. Between the inner cover and the works were two pictures and a recipe for cold cream. And still the obstinate thing refused to go. How is your watch running? A little slow? A little fast? Is it out of repair? If so bring it to me and have it fixed right.

W. H. CALDER, OPTICIAN & JEWELER.
N.B.—Just received a new line of Gold Watches with 15 and 17 Jewelled Adjusted Movements, at very close prices.

YOU NEED IT!
SPRING time has come again, and with it House Cleaning, and you need new Furniture to replace that which is getting worn and broken, or to furnish rooms that you never felt before that you could furnish to your liking. Now, the best place to get what you want in this line is at JAS. RALPH'S, Stirling. He has a splendid assortment, and will sell it to you at prices that cannot be beat in the city. Just call and examine. It is a pleasure to show goods, and you will find the prices right.

CURTAIN POLES AND WINDOW SHADES
... AT LOWEST PRICES ...
PICTURE FRAMING
A large Stock of Mouldings to select from, and prices as low as any in the trade.
JAMES RALPH.

FRESH LIME.
The subscriber has now on hand for sale a quantity of Fresh-burned Lime.
JAS. COULTS,
Lot 14, Chas. Rawdon.

5 PER CENT.
I have a limited amount of funds to loan on first class Farm Property at 5 per cent. Also, Money to loan on Village, Town or City property, to be repaid by paying \$1.00 per month per \$100.00. This will enable any person to pay for a home, and experience shows a larger percentage of mortgages are paid off by the borrower on this plan, where his income is periodical, than on the straight loan plan.
W. C. MIKEL, Barrister,
Over Bank of Commerce, Belleville, Ont.

THOROUGHbred JERSEY BULL
With pedigree, for service. Terms 50cts. Or will sell on reasonable terms.
JOHN A. HEATH,
Lot 11, Con. 5, Rawdon.

FOR SERVICE.
A large bred Tamworth and Berkshire Boar. Terms 75 cents.
SANFORD CAVERTY,
Lot 12, 4th Con. Rawdon.

Thoroughbred Jersey Bull,
With registered Pedigree, for service, Terms \$1.00.
O. VANDERVOORT,
Lot 16, 9th Con. Sidney.

Of Interest to Fraternal Orders

A discussion of great interest to the thousands of members of fraternal organizations throughout Canada took place at the meeting of the Banking and Commerce Committee of the House of Commons at Ottawa one day last week. It arose on the bill to incorporate the subsidiary High Court of the Independent Order of Foresters.
Next on the order paper was a kindred measure, to incorporate the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benefit Society.
Object was taken to the bill by Mr. Fitzgerald, Superintendent of Insurance, on the ground that the company did not desire to put up a deposit of \$50,000, as provided by the Insurance Act of 1895, and contrary, also, to the provision of that act. The Forester, he said, had desired to do sick benefit insurance. He stated that Parliament had incorporated the I.O.F. with the powers now asked by the A.O.F., but in 1896 Parliament had amended the I.O.F. bill in order to make the best of a bad bargain. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that now all these fraternal organizations charged rates which were too low for properly conducting insurance business. He made the announcement, which will probably surprise members of the I.O.F. throughout Canada, that at the next Supreme Court meeting of that body, it was the intention to increase the rates almost to the extent of doubling them. It might be that the rates would affect existing policies, and certainly they would apply to new policies. The A.O.F. rates, he said, were better than those of most other friendly societies, so far as the members who had joined since 1894 were concerned, but, despite this fact, the rates were 20 per cent less than would enable the society fairly to meet their liabilities. He concluded by suggesting that the whole question of friendly society legislation should be dealt with by a general bill to be introduced next session.
Mr. Fielding and Sir Louis Davies urged the withdrawal of the two bills, but Mr. Clarke thought the two societies having gone to the trouble of preparing their legislation, should get their charters, but with a clause inserted in both bills making them subject to the provisions of any legislation which might be enacted by Parliament hereafter.

Mr. Haggart asked Mr. Fitzgerald for the present status of the I.O.F.
The superintendent replied that the assets of the society amounted to \$2,750,000, while the amount insured was \$154,000,000.
Mr. Haggart said it would be a terrible thing if any of these societies were to go to smash, and he quite concurred with the suggestion that Parliament should legislate in the matter of fixing the rates.
The preamble of the bill was adopted.

Cuba Past and Present.

Cuba has been described as the richest spot on earth, and certainly she is rich in productive soil, mineral wealth, a fine climate, and geographical position. It is 775 miles long and from 30 to 100 miles wide. It is about 50 years younger than the United States, and one-third of its territory is still unoccupied. It contains about 180,000 acres of wood, mahogany, cedar, redwood, rosewood, ebony, and lignum vitae. Its soil is so rich that except for the raising of tobacco no fertilizers are used. The value of the exports has grown on the same fields for a century. The island abounds in mines that have paid dividends for 200 years, and in these mines \$5,000,000 has been invested, and they employ 2,000 men, and export yearly 50,000 tons of ore. But the island at present is almost deserted by reason of the civil war that has been raging there for the past three years. Whereas 11,000,000 tons of sugar used to be exported annually, now the exports of that article have dropped to 85,000 tons. The value of the exports of molasses has dropped from \$15,500,000 to \$1,500,000, and that of cigars and tobacco from \$25,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The revenue of the sugar plantations used to be \$75,000,000, but has now almost disappeared.

Large Influx to Canada.

The Interior Department claims that from the beginning of the season up to April 30, 10,641 settlers have gone into western Canada. A large proportion are Galicians. The week ending April 30 shows a total of 1,641. The agents of the government in the United States are working hard and expect before next winter to add thirty thousand people to the population of Manitoba and the territories.
Mrs. May, of Ashburnham, got her foot caught between a plank and a rail at Peterboro, and was killed by a C.P.R. express.
The Belleville Klondike party have been heard from at Lake Bennett, suffering from the effects of navigation. They were all in good health, and had not suffered from the cold.
About Bicycle Clothing.
The cheapest suit you can have to ride a wheel is a regular bicycle suit. The Oak Leaf brand, do this. It will not only make a specialty of it, and you may depend on finding all the new and correct things here. We have hundreds of suits for you to select from, prices run \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9, \$10, \$12, \$15, and \$20.
You easy fellows who have been paying fancy prices to tailors, Get two of Oak Hall's new swell suits for the money you have been paying for the old ones. They are well fitting and well tailored and of as good quality as the made to order kind, and your money back. We are not afraid of that "money back" proposition. If we are not you needn't be. It's all our way. Now isn't that a fair business proposition?

Stirling Cheese Board.

The Stirling Cheese Board met in Mr. Black's office on Wednesday last, the officers of the Board for the current year being Geo. A. Johnston, President; Jas. McComb, 1st Vice-Pres.; James Scott, 2nd Vice-Pres.; W. S. Martin, Treasurer, and John S. Black, Secretary.
Moved by W. Turner Sine, seconded by Wm. Meiklejohn, that the Board fees, including membership and fee to Inspector, be \$5.00. Carried.
Moved by Mr. Whitton, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, that the appointment of the day of meeting of the Board be laid over till next meeting. Carried.
Moved by W. Turner Sine, seconded by John Tanner, that the meetings of the Board be held in L. Meiklejohn's room, the same having been offered to the Board free of charge, and that the Board meet on Wednesday next at 2.30 p.m. Carried.
526 cheese were boarded. Sales were made of 275 white to James Whitton at 75c., and 184 colored to Morden Bird at 75c.

JOHN S. BLACK, Secretary.

A Black Record.

Doings of the Now Notorious Bigamist Seymour.

Kingston, Ont., May 6.—Cyrus Seymour, arrested here for horse stealing, has had a vivid career for a man only thirty-seven years of age. On Monday last he came within an ace of adding another victim to his long list of wives. On the day in question he left Prescott with a young woman of that place, going to Ogdensburg. When on the American shore he informed his fiancée of embarking on a voyage to the true love who fully trusted the man she was about to wed, the young woman gave Seymour her purse, telling him to freely use the contents. He left to purchase a marriage license and the young woman saw him "nevermore."
Returning to Prescott he engaged a horse and rig from a livery keeper named Jacobs. With these he drove down to a spot near Kempsville, where he took from the stable of a farmer named Bennett the mare with which he drove to Kingston. Early on Wednesday morning Jacobs's horse and rig were found in the Kingston jail, minus the blankets. Seymour was seen in Brockville with Bennett's mare in his possession. He tried to get several persons to ferry him and the mare across to Morristown, but was not successful. From Mr. H. H. Young he tried to hire a buggy, saying he was a cattle dealer. He could not secure a buggy to suit his fancy, but bargained for the loan of a set of harness. He then secured a road cart from Mr. E. Agnew and started west. At Gananoque he had dinner at a hotel, leaving Jacobs's horse blankets in payment. He was run down here.
Seymour was born in Dutchess county in 1861. He married into a respectable family near Cornwall. His original wife is well-to-do, living on a farm with her two sons. On Jan. 19, 1886, Seymour was sentenced to three years in the Kingston penitentiary for bigamy. He married a Miss Walsh, of Omemee, deserted her, and later on married Miss Maud Vandewater, Belleville. An hour after this ceremony was performed he was arrested, Miss Walsh being the complainant against him. He defrauded her of nine hundred dollars. Of this sentence he served two years and six months, being liberated July 18, 1888.
On Jan. 19, 1889, he was arrested at Oshawa and brought back to Cornwall, where he was tried for horse-stealing and bigamy, a young woman named Fish appearing against him. It was shown, however, that during his six months of liberation he had succeeded in marrying seven different women and stealing six different horses. For horse-stealing he received a sentence of four years, with two years additional for bigamy. In October, 1889, he was discharged.
In January, 1894, he was arrested at Toronto, charged with theft. He made a big fight, claiming he was not the man wanted, giving his name as W. B. Stirling. W. S. Hughes, of the Kingston penitentiary, went up to the trial and identified Seymour, who was sent down for five years, being liberated on March 30 last. While enjoying the four months of freedom between his discharge in October, 1894, and his latest in 1894, Seymour led a fast life, so fast, indeed, that it puts to shame the most vivid movie novel even penned. Penitentiary authorities say he should be sent up for life, so as to keep him out of trouble, as his whole career seems to be to delude trusting girls and steal good horse flesh.
Many Canadians in the United States have suddenly remembered that Canada is a pretty nice place to live in after all.
At the Belleville Cheese Board on Tuesday 500 white and 810 colored were offered. Sales were made of 400 white at 75c., and 810 colored at 7 1/2-10c.

STIRLING CASH STORE

This week we want to say something special about two departments—Corsets & Groceries. We have just received from the manufacturers a large consignment of Corsets. We have the very newest things out at prices from 30c. to \$1.25.

Good strong Corset, well made. 30c.
Diamond Jubilee Corset, good quality of jean, nicely made, in Ecru. 50c.
Special D. & A., fine material, well stayed. 75c.
Old reliable D. & A., long waist, better quality of material and nicely finished. \$1.00
Something new, all the go, a short waisted, 4-hooked Corset, perfect fitter, very pretty. 1.00
The old stand-bys, Yatisi, Magnetic and D. & A. 1.25
Ask to see our Summer and Short Waist Corsets.

Groceries.

This week we have just opened a line of Fresh Fruit from the garden of California, Santa Clara.
Choice Prunes, juicy large fruit, perfectly clean. 10c.
Choice Prunes, larger fruit, 12 1/2c.
Evaporated Peaches. 10c.
" " larger, choice 15c.
Evaporated Appricots, choice, large clean fruit, per box. 15c.
Soaps, White Castile, Glycerine, large cakes. 2 for 5c.
Buttermilk Soap, 5c. a cake, 4 for 15c.
Nearly everything in the way of Groceries is advancing very rapidly. Now is the time to lay in a supply. Our Stock is large, well assorted and fresh.
We need say nothing more about our 25c. Tea. It has no equal. Get our prices per barrel of Sugar. Produce taken in exchange. Eggs 9c.

T. G. CLUTE.

Corn. Corn.

We have just received a car load of Mammoth Southern Sweet Corn. Parties requiring Corn will do well to come to us.

FLOUR.

We have a good Family Flour for \$2.75 per 100 lbs. If it is not same as represented your money will be refunded.

Crockery.

A large assortment at low prices.

Salt.

We keep a good supply of Salt. Also, Millet and Chopped Feed in stock.

Wanted.—Potatoes, Buckwheat, Butter and Eggs.
CASH FOR EGGS.

S. HOLDEN.

MAY MILLINERY MOVED!!

Out of Town? Oh no! We are in the store lately occupied by L. Meiklejohn, where we have better facilities for serving our customers.

It may be of interest to some of our patrons to know that we will allow full market price for eggs.

NEW GOODS and the best of the season's NOVELTIES always in stock.

MISS N. PHILLIPS.

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CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

"I swear solemnly," he says, "that I have never told a single story."

"How do you know yourself?"

"Why, because, I guessed at once I saw you were in earnest and so withdrew directly."

Colonel Dare smiles a little at the self-satisfied air with which it is implied that had Graver not withdrawn his chance would have been nil.

"Go now, there's a good fellow!" he says, impudently. "If you are seen it will awaken suspicion. If Lady Leigh saw you—"

"There she is!" exclaims the Heaton Chinese excitedly, and rushing to the window.

By chance, she raises her eyes and sees him.

"It's all up!" declares Colonel Dare, gloomily.

"Now, why should it be?" questioned Mr. Meade drawlingly, withdrawing from the window as she passes out of sight. "Tell do you all the good in the world to let her know you have a friend who goes to a decent tailor. Besides, it is not a case, I suppose, of the followers after a girl."

The other does not answer, and Mr. Meade goes on.

"By Jove! she's a fine woman. I don't wonder at your not wishing to leave."

"I wish you'd go!" ejaculates Colonel Dare crossly.

Seeing that he is really in earnest and his patience thoroughly exhausted, the Honorable Graver made a dash for the door with a good-bye and the unshaken belief that had he chosen to enter the lists he would certainly have been successful.

"Dare's a good fellow, but no sort of a lady's man," he says to himself, complacently, as he walks away, "and, where a lady is waiting."

"Still, he may win the day—for a worthier rival."

The day has been very hot, getting cooler as the afternoon goes on, and at five o'clock, when the tutor salutes forth, a fresh breeze has sprung up, and it is so delightful that he pauses before reaching the summer-house and hares his forehead to it.

Little Rollo puts out his head and waves his arms—the preparations are not yet completed. At that moment, too, Lady Leigh comes from the house, and Colonel Dare goes back to meet her.

"The entertainment is not ready—we are to wait," he begins, smiling, and feeling a strange pang in his throat as he sees her name written in this journal.

"I thought I was a punctual; my watch must be wrong," she answers, drawing it from her belt. "See—it is five o'clock exact."

Colonel Dare consults his and shows it to her.

"I think yours must be wrong; ladies' watches generally are, are they not? By mine we are still ten minutes before the hour."

"What a lovely watch!"

She has sat down on the old rustic seat where once before they sat together in the moonlight, and now she looks out her hand, and she has some old heirloom which Colonel Dare instantly regrets bringing to light. That it was his mother's last gift is his only reason for wearing it, and so remarkable and so cumbersome. He loosens the chain and gives the watch to her without a word.

"I never saw anything so quaint before, Mr. Dare. Did you buy it abroad? It looks like foreign workmanship."

"I dare say it came from abroad in the first instance, but cannot say for certain. It belonged to an ancestor of mine, I believe."

An ancestor? she echoes, in some what dreamy surprise scarcely conscious of the rudeness that might be implied.

"Yes. Even a tutor, you know, has parents and grandparents, though he cannot always give them a name, much less boast about them," is the bitter reply.

He cannot but be nettled at the fact that she takes it for granted he is beneath her in every way, although he would not for a moment risk discovery by having it otherwise.

"And the crest is that of your family?" she goes on, making a dash for her mistake, but not liking to make it worse by apologizing.

Deeply set in the thick emerald gold, in delicate color, and in the shape of a quartered and crest, beneath them a scroll with the haughty motto, "Dare all." Her former suspicions grow stronger as she reads the motto.

"The name is the same, certainly," he answers evasively, slipping the watch into his pocket.

"The motto is more fitted for a soldier than a scholar," she remarks, looking scornfully into his eyes.

"I trust courage is not confined to one class alone. Can you not imagine that others as well as soldiers might be willing to dare anything to gain their cause?"

She changes the subject quickly, half-diving his meaning, made clearer by the emphasis with which he speaks.

"You had a visitor this morning?"

"Yes."

"Er—a patron," he answers confusedly, and with a humility that is rather overacted.

The clear gray eyes are still looking straight into his, and he feels ashamed of the duplicity he is practicing on her; but one step leads to another, one falsehood to more deceit, and he cannot well go back now.

He is relieved when Rollo comes out to tell them his tea is ready, and hurries them away.

Lord Leigh will make a good host when he becomes a man, and is very pretty to see him doing the honors of his impromptu feast, his eyes running from one to the other, and tempting them with the dainties he has prepared. Tabitha forgets to make herself useful, and is at last sitting and listening to him prattle.

"It is a pretty, home-like scene, the mother so proud and happy in her son's delight and the faithful old servant looking as pleased as a child at the honor and pride that the grim old Rollo is not more in accordance with the scene, a thousand pities that one so lovely as Lady Leigh should only have

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At once she repairs to the drawing-room, and takes up some work—silk handkerchiefs, for Rollo's next birthday presents for the year are being neglected in the afternoon's idleness, and must be finished at an early date. He goes to the library, and looks about through the open windows, thinking over the day's events.

CHAPTER VII.

Lady Leigh tries her work when one day she has a visitor, who is a friend, and puts the handkerchief into a basket on the table.

A storm is gathering; already there is a heavy and violent rain, and with the natural instinct that prompts one in all times of possible danger to be near one's own person, she has slipped swiftly to the nursery to see with her own eyes if her son is safe and sleeping.

He is not there. Tabitha is standing by the door, and looking down sharply with an angry rebuke on her lips for the delinquent as she enters the room. Then she sees Lady Leigh, and she comes close to her.

"Where is Rollo?" asks his mother, with a gasp in her voice.

"I don't know, my lady. I thought he was with you—going to Mr. Dare," she adds, quickly, as another hope presents itself.

"He is gone before Tabitha can give words to the fear that is haunting her, flying down the broad oak stairs, and leaving the two tutors alone with scant ceremony."

"Mr. Dare, where is Rollo?" she cries, excitedly, seeing in a moment that he is not with you—going to Mr. Dare."

The tutor is sitting at the table writing when she comes in, and looks up at her with bewilderment.

"Is he not in the house?"

"No."

"Then I will look for him."

He snatches up the watch quickly, and stops for a moment at the door.

"Do not be alarmed," he says, gently, "I expect I shall find him in the summer-house, and I shall be glad to come out because of the storm."

"Only bring him back," she calls; "remember, he is my all."

"I will," he answers, earnestly, and the simple promise, spoken at such a moment becomes solemn as a vow.

He makes a dash for the door, off, but before he has gone some distance he is met by the tutor, who tells him that Colonel Dare has been the fearful tutor. A curling ring of smoke and leading him to the summer-house, he is only enough, and with it, if more were needed is the stifling smell of burning wood and paint.

With a great cry he rushes forward, and by the time he has reached the spot a small crowd has gathered, consisting of people who have been passing down the road, and who are the first to see the lurid light.

"It's only a summer-house," says one with an accent of surprise, and then sounds like disappointment.

But at that moment Colonel Dare comes running, and with a look of horror and a gasp of surprise, he is the first to see the smoke and the flames.

As one who is accustomed to command, he orders them about, and while one man runs for water, another others for water buckets, a garden hose and blankets.

And now a little white face appears at a window in the upper story, and the women burst into tears, and even the men are strangely silent as the light comes from the window.

"Mother! Mother!"

"Rollo, my darling, I am here!"

It is Lady Leigh herself who has followed her mother, and she is more like the cry of some animal in pain than a woman's voice. She staggers forward and holds out her arms.

"Rollo, come!"

In his horrible fright the child might have been killed, and he had been dashed to pieces on the ground, but his tutor interferes with a firm voice, and says, "Rollo, my boy, I am coming to you, and I am not afraid; I will save you, I promise."

Then he motions to Tabitha, who is

AFFAIRS AT THE YUKON.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON AFFAIRS IN THE KLONDIKE.

The Food Supply Running Short—Speculation—What Will Happen in June—A Warning to Investors.

The Government has received from Inspector Constantine, superintendent of Mounted Police in the Yukon, a report which left Dawson at the end of January last, on the condition of affairs there. He states that the population of the Yukon capital is from 1,500 to 2,000, and adds: "The population here, being chiefly American, many of them are not disposed to view them by the ordinary laws of the country, and some have been heard to say that it was high time that the flag, meaning the United Jack, was pulled down, and the Stars and Stripes hoisted in its place, and adding that it would not take much to do it. At one time there was a rumor that the town, and application for incorporating it as the means of going about it. I referred the parties to the Northwest Ordinances relative to such matters. On reading that part which states that the applicants must be British subjects, the book was closed with the remark, 'That ends it; in that case we cannot run things, but will have to pay taxes for our gold, and then go to the recording office and swear that they have deposited gold, and then go to the bank to sell on the outside for large figures.'"

Two or three ounces of gold to the pan seem to be quite sufficient to cause a stampede. Men run off with neither skill, shovels or pan, stake a claim, drop a few dollars from their gold sacks on the ground, and then go to the recording office and swear that they have deposited gold, and then go to the bank to sell on the outside for large figures. The new gold fields are now being extensively prospected and worked in Alaska. They are situated on Minook Creek, near the Klondike, near the lower rapids. Last reports there are that the diggings are good, and far superior to the Birch Creek diggings. Inspector Constantine estimates the output of gold this year at from six to seven million dollars.

LITTLE LUCY'S PRAYER.

Yes, Lucy was a thoughtful child. Her aunt said: "Indeed, too wild. She loved to romp in meadows green and to chase the yellow butterflies. Would bow down to the daisies white. Ever giving Lucy much delight. While gaily chasing butterflies. As summer rested in the skies."

STRENGTH OF SPAIN AND THE
UNITED STATES ON THE SEA.

When it comes to those of second
 or less than 5,000 tons' displacement
 (down to 2,000), we are far ahead
 of Spain. She has the Alfonso XIII,
 6,000 tons; the Lepanto, 4,826; Reina
 Cristina, 3,620; Aragon, 3,342; Castilla;
 3,426; Navarra, 3,342; Alfonso XII, 3,
 342; and Reina Mercedes, 3,090. These
 are unprotected, of moderate speed, ex-
 cept Alfonso XIII, and the Lepanto,
 which are credited with 20 knots.
 Their size and armament fairly corre-
 spond with the indicated tonnage.
 The heaviest guns of the Alfonso XIII,

The man who is in touch with the oothache is never in sympathy with.

The wall-flower at a ball is often the only girl present that can bake bread.

Some men are so self-confident that they are unable to distinguish between cheer and a jeer.

DIFFERENT NOW.

She—You spent enough money on me before we were married.

He—My dear, I had it to spend.

To cook pieplant for sauce, cut it up as directed for the first pie, add the sugar and set on the back of the stove, where it will heat up gradually. When the sugar is melted, or nearly so, put where it will heat to the scalding or simmering point, and leave till tender. In this way the pieces remain whole, the sauce is rich and syrupy and of delicious flavor.

Apple Fritters—Fry a dish of apple fritters before the apples are all gone. First, cut the apples for the apples and slice them, sprinkle with sugar and the spice—cinnamon or nutmeg, and make a soft batter.

are disposed to argue that a feather on the hat is no more cruel to the birds than a whole quail on toast, and insist that both are designed to tickle the fancy of weak men.

It had been a very little movement, but I obeyed.
"But Ida--"

and trimmed with something to correspond with something else, and I cut in to tell about my new bulldog. She simply froze me and I haven't thawed out yet.

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1898.

The War News.

On Saturday last despatches were received from Admiral Dewey giving particulars of his great victory at Manila. It was not only a victory, but the utter destruction of the Spanish navy of the Pacific. This was accomplished too, without loss of life on the American ships, and only eight slightly wounded. The Spanish vessels destroyed numbered 14, while the number killed is placed at from 250 to 300, and wounded at from 700 to 1000. The American ships were only but slightly damaged.

Besides destroying the Spanish fleet Admiral Dewey silenced the forts and shore batteries and compelled the Spaniards to make an unconditional surrender. Thus his victory was complete, and only for the lack of the necessary number of men he could have made a landing, and captured the city. As it is Manila is in his mercy, and he is now awaiting troops to take possession of the city. The property destroyed or captured is enormous. The Philippines are completely in the hands of the Americans and Spanish rule in the Pacific is completely overthrown.

Admiral Sampson, with a fleet, has gone in search of the Spanish fleet which sailed from Cape Verde some time ago. It is reported, however, that the Spanish fleet has returned to Cadiz, though this is not confirmed. Preparations are being made by the United States Government to land forces in Cuba and Porto Rico.

D'Alton McCarthy, the well known lawyer and member of Parliament, died last evening at his home in Toronto. He was thrown from his carriage on Sunday evening, and so severely injured that he remained in a semi-unconscious state till death relieved him of his sufferings.

Hypnotism.

The following remarks concerning hypnotism are from H. L. Hastings, of Boston, in a recent issue of "The Christian Safeguard," and speak of hypnotism in a way considerably different from the treatment given the subject usually, the majority of writers having nothing but good to say about it. Mr. Hastings is a careful investigator, and his remarks on any subject to which he devotes attention are well worth being pondered:

"Hypnotism is the devil's business. Satan deceives people and leads them to believe a lie, and hypnotism consists in making people believe lies. The operator tells the subject lies, and makes him believe them. He tells him that he is sick, or well, or hot, or cold, or doing this thing or doing that—his statement being utterly false in every respect; but being hypnotized the subject believes every word the operator tells him, and acts accordingly.

"The operator lies to the subject from beginning to end, and by hypnotizing him makes him believe the lies. The whole performance is falsehood and deception, and this is the devil's legitimate business, he is 'a liar from the beginning.'

"The hypnotizer's victim yields his will, utterly and absolutely, to the control of a weak, erring, sinful mortal; thus degrading himself, who should work in us to will and to do of his good pleasure, and leaving the subject, with all the defences and safeguards of evil broken down, under an absolute control which no good man would desire to exercise, and which no bad man or evil spirit should be allowed to exert over any creature of God.

"Says The Watchword: 'Hypnotism possesses a great fascination for some people on account of its mysterious nature, but is declared to be a dangerous subject for investigation. The manager of a well-known hypnotist says that visits to some of the operators where he has operated reveal the terrible consequences of hypnotism. In nearly every city the persons who had been subjects of the hypnotist had in many cases become mental wrecks. But few realize the terrible effects of hypnotism until too late.'

The Municipal World is authority for the statement that telegraph and telephone poles and equipments can be legally assessed within an incorporated municipality and made to contribute to the public exchequer.

Forest fires are raging in the district to the north of Montreal. The mountains and highlands are all ablaze. Agathe Labelle are being swept by the worst forest fires which have ever visited that region. The loss already aggregates thousands of dollars, and the settlers are fleeing before it. The fires have been burning for the past four days, and the only thing that can stop them is heavy rain. The smoke is so thick it is a mass of flame and smoke, and it is feared that lives have been lost.

The Grand Trunk has issued an order whereby all engineers, conductors and trainmen have to provide themselves with standard watches several times jeweled, adjusted to temperature, etc. The men have until June 15th to get them. An inspector will carry out the new duty it will be to inspect the employees' watches every week, and a certificate sent the superintendent of time. Any watches not carried by the new duty do not come up to the requirements will have to be laid aside. The company does not care where or from whom the watches are bought, but they must be inspected. Mr. Allan McFee, of Belleville, has been appointed inspector for this division.

Christian Endeavor Notes.

CONTRIBUTED BY COUNTY SECRETARY.

News From Abroad.

On Good Friday the Christian Endeavorers of London, England, held a Convention in the Metropolitan Tabernacle. The meetings were crowded at the conclusion, and great enthusiasm prevailed. The majority of those present were young men, and they were all of the highest caliber. All emphasized the close relation of the C. E. to the Churches. From the President down nearly every speaker maintained that if the day should come when the C. E. Societies began to separate themselves from the churches and form their own organization, the day would have arrived for their extinction. Such a sentiment shows that there must have been in London considerable fear expressed on this point.

The Endeavor Society is Part of the Church.

It lives by the Church, in the Church, for the Church. It is altogether for Christ and the church, and this Endeavorers ought to make plain by every means. By letting the Church be first, by working for its growth, its power, its purity. By showing a love to it and a high regard for its work, and by being with the minister, the elders, managers, and those in authority. In Canada we trust that this relation shall never be questioned.

Bible Study.

No one will question the urgent need of it, and must always be, for systematic Bible study. Special attention will be devoted to this at our coming Provincial Convention. One highly gifted in this respect will lead in a series of exercises, entitled 'The ghost'—an interest which, we trust, will be abiding, and growing, and deepening. The Bible is the tonic our souls need for strength in the Spiritual Life. He is a benefactor to us who will enable us to understand it, who will place us in such a position that we can enjoy it and feast on it.

NOTES.—Our Prov. Secretary is conducting a C. E. column in "The Templar," of Hamilton, and is calling out for news. Will you not send him a few jottings from your Societies' postal card sent with an interesting item will be gratefully received.

What effect shall the war have on Nashville Convention? Our Endeavorers should pray that since war has come that it may not be prolonged.

English Worsteds Suits.

The Oak Hall, Belleville, are in a position this spring to sell you genuine English Worsteds suits. All light grey, dark grey and brown, four breasted and skirt coats, in sack, double breasted and skirt suits, all give you a complete stock. We offer you your choice at \$10.

IT MADE HIM WEEP.

Take Her and May the Lord Have Mercy on Your Soul!

Delaney Wallingford hesitated with his hand upon the knob of the door to the private office. He was about to ask Henry Pates for the hand of his beautiful daughter, but the moment the young man was inclined to prevaricate, but he drew himself together at last and walked in.

The man received him kindly and asked him to sit down. Before Wallingford had begun upon the subject that was nearest his heart, however, the voice of the office, and her husband requested his visitor to step into an adjoining room until the lady had got through with him.

One of her lady friends was waiting for her outside in the carriage, so she had to leave him long before she had finished her remarks.

When Mr. Faversham was alone again, Delaney Wallingford returned and sat down in front of the benevolent looking old gentleman, who asked him to proceed with his remarks.

"Your daughter Gladys," the young man said, "we love each other. I have come to ask you for her."

There was deep pity in the look that Henry Faversham bestowed upon his visitor and after a long silence he said: "I've thought you were a pretty son-in-law of mine. You heard what was said in here a few moments ago, didn't you?"

Delaney confessed that he had heard it all.

"Well, all right, then. My conscience is clear. Take her, and may the Lord have mercy on your soul! Her mother was sweet and timid once!"

When this was said, Delaney Wallingford saw tears in the old man's eyes.

A RED LIGHT GHOST.

IT HAUNTED THE BEECH CREEK ROAD FOR TEN YEARS.

A Cool and Nerve Trick of the Hoboes That Was Discovered and Ended by an Unsuperstitious Railroad Man and Three Companions.

It is not often that a nineteenth century ghost can live for years on its reputation as did the Bald Eagle ghost of the Beech Creek railroad. Almost everybody in this section has heard of the Bald Eagle ghost. It was none of your sheeted night prowlers inhabiting a tumble down old story house. The Bald Eagle ghost was an up to date spirit. It was simply a red light.

Ordinarily there is nothing extraordinary about a red light, but when the red light appears on a railroad that is a different matter. First the Bald Eagle ghost had been content to exercise its functions in the fastness of the mountains, in all probability it would have continued to enjoy its incorporeal existence indefinitely. But the Bald Eagle spirit was unreasonable. It insisted on making a spectacle of itself just when it was most out of place and unwelcome.

Some years ago, old railroad men say, the Bald Eagle ghost was born. The midnight express was howling along through a gap in the mountains when suddenly, dead ahead, a red light flared out on the track. The engineer, stopped danger, reversed the engine and stopped the train, but a search failed to show why the train had been flagged. The train steamed off finally. A month or so later the express was again flagged by the light, but, as before, no cause could be assigned for the proceeding. After this the signal was seen at irregular intervals, always in the lonely gap. Trainmen at length began to entertain a superstitious fear of the red light, and in time it became generally known as the "ghost" of the Bald Eagle.

One day a trainman, who had been at the spot where it generally appeared, was startled by a spectral superstitious lay in wait for the ghost. Extra watches were employed to patrol the district, but to no avail. It was no fool ghost. It knew its business. However, it reckoned without Jesse Pates.

Pates had long meditated an attack on the Bald Eagle ghost, and one night after his train had been delayed an hour by the light his resolution reached the point of action. Going down to the village store, he broached his scheme to the gang.

"Any of you fellows like to go ghost hunting some night?"

Everybody looked interested, and at last one young fellow demanded:

"What's the matter with the Bald Eagle ghost?"

"What's the matter with the Bald Eagle ghost?" he asked. Some of the crowd shivered, but Pates went on: "There's a shining mark for a cool night hunter. I don't believe in this fool talk of dead watchmen come back. That Bald Eagle ghost is a pure fake, and I'm going after him. I want about three good men. We'll go to the Narrows to lay Mr. Ghost. We'd better each have a gun, too, in case of accidents. Any of you fellows go along?"

There was silence for a time, but at last three fellows volunteered to accompany him. It was arranged to start on the following evening, and at the appointed time the ghost hunters met. At the Narrows Pates distributed his men along the accustomed scene of the ghost's perambulations and awaited results. Crouched in a clump of bushes, he himself lay for hours undisturbed except by the sound of passing freight trains. Shortly before the time for the midnight express he heard a whispered conversation of his left.

"Have you got the lantern, Pete?" some one asked.

"Yep," a second voice replied, "I've got it, but I'll keep her till I see the headlight."

"It's a dead easy thing," the first voice went on. "Blow the light out and throw the lantern into the bushes beyond the jump."

Pates saw through the whole scheme in a second. Circling around, he signaled to his companions to close in, and in a short time they had the men with the lantern surrounded.

"Throw up your hands and show your light," the ghost hunter ordered.

In an instant out came the light and up went three pairs of hands. The hunters found themselves gazing at a trio of dirty, grinning tramps.

"So you're the ghost that has been walking here all these years?" Pates asked in disgust.

"We never said we was no ghost," one answered.

"Well, what in blazes have you been flagging trains here for ten years, then?"

"I guess, since we've caught, we might as well give the snap away," one of the tramps said, with a grin. "You see, we never the hill from the Penney, and, as you know, it's necessary, we got on to the great of flagging the trains and baggage to the end of the division."

It was a great snap, but we spilt it now. Every one on the road knew about this easy mark. We kept a lamp there for the blues special for the occasion."

"Well, I'm jiggered," Pates remarked, "if that ain't the coolest piece of nerve I ever heard. Now look here. Drop that lamp and get, and if I ever hear of this here ghost walkin' ag'in there'll be a hobo war to shoot after we count ten."

But before Pates finished the tramps had disappeared, and the Bald Eagle ghost was a hobo walkin' ag'in there'll be a hobo war to shoot after we count ten."

Not Necessary.

He laughed loud and long as he put aside the paper.

"What's the matter?" asked the man who was sitting at the next window of the club.

"Here's an article about training a dog," replied the man who had been reading the paper. "It says the first thing to do is to attach the dog to you."

Thereupon the man laughed some more. "Well, what of it?" persisted the man at the next window.

"Why, hang it all!" exclaimed the man who was so amused, "it seems so absurd, you know. I've experienced that a dog will attach himself to you if you give him any provocation."—Chicago Post.

Over It.

Watts—Are you ever attacked with stage fright?

Barnes—Former—Not these days. In my 20 years' experience I have learned that it is a rare thing for them to throw anything harder than a green apple.—Indianapolis Journal.

SACK OF PORT AU PRINCE.

How Morgan's Buccaneers Fought Their Way Into the Italian City.

In St. Nicholas Mr. Frank R. Stockton writes of "The Buccaneers of Our Coast."

Mr. Stockton thus describes the capture of the Italian city Port au Prince by Morgan. When the fleet arrived at the nearest harbor, Morgan landed his men and marched toward the town, but he did not succeed in making a secret attack, as he had hoped. A Spanish prisoner had let himself drop overboard and, swimming ashore, had warned the governor of the attack. Thus prepared, the Spaniards met and marched a body of soldiers along the road by which the pirates must come, and when he found a suitable spot he built a formidable barricade. Behind this the soldiers were posted with their muskets and their cannon.

But when Morgan came within sight of this barricade he considered that it would be entirely unnecessary to attempt to dislodge this formidable defense, so he marched his men into the woods, led by him entirely around the barricade and came out upon a wide plain before the town.

Here he found that he would have to fight his way into the city, and, probably much to his surprise, his men were presently charged by a body of cavalry.

The pirates routed the horsemen and after a fight of about four hours took possession of the town. Here they captured a great many prisoners, whom they shut up in the churches, and then sent detachments into the country to look for those who had run away. When these utterly debased and cruel men took their usual course after capturing a town, they pillaged, feasted and rioted. Even when the poor citizens made a show of everything they owned they were told that if they did not pay two heavy ransoms they would be carried away into slavery and that their towns would be burned.

For two weeks the pirates ruled the unfortunate people to go out into the country and find some of their fellow citizens who had escaped with a portion of their treasure. In those days people did not keep their wealth in banks, as they do now, but every man was the custodian of his own money, and when they fled from the visitation of an enemy they took with them everything of value that they could carry. Before the citizens could be charged with a ransom, a negro was taken who was carrying letters from the governor of Santiago, a neighboring city, to some of the citizens of Port au Prince, and then some of the pirates gave a bribe to pay the ransom because he was coming with a strong force to their assistance. When Morgan read these letters, he was changed, his mind changed, it would be a wise thing not to stay in that region any longer than could be helped. So he decided not to wait for the unfortunate citizens to collect the heavy ransom he demanded, but told them that if they would furnish him with 500 head of cattle and also supply salt and help prepare the meat for shipment he would make no further demands upon them. This, of course, the citizens were glad enough to do, and the buccaners sailed away.

Lady Byron.

A good woman Lady Byron may have been, but she never could have loved her husband with that affection which smooths down the asperities of married life. Following out the idiotic theory that "opposites agree," Lord and Lady Byron ought to have been the happiest of wedded pairs. But probably the very coldness and unkindness of her husband made her drive the high strain, nervous poet into an irritable reaction. Now have smashed the furniture and beaten their wives for us.

You recollect how he once wrote of her: There was Miss Milpond, smooth as summer's sea— The usual paragon, an only daughter. Who seemed the cream of equanimity Till skinned, and then there was some milk and water.

In a fortnight after his marriage he was finding the honeymoon a bore and lusting after abstraction and self study. In a fortnight he was frankly tired and wrote of "the sameness and stagnation" of the "dull games of cards" and "walking in the garden to admire the gooseberry bushes."

A part from his pose with Lady Byron we must recollect the temper of the time. As an engaging and self confessed wretch, used with melancholy and contrition, he became the public idol. He knew his constituency and played to it. For an amateur he was a good actor, and his part became him. Public applause was the one thing which he wanted and seemed able to reach. He chose the means that were simplest and most efficacious.—Chicago Times-Herald.

St. John's Church, Stirling.

The members of the congregation of St. John's Church, Stirling, are requested to attend a meeting at the church on Friday evening, the 20th inst., at 7.30 o'clock. As matters of the most urgent and immediate importance to the parish will be considered, we would like every member of the congregation to be present.

J. EARL HALLIWELL, Churchwardens. JOHN GORDON, GEO. E. CRYER, Clerk.

Court of Revision.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COURT OF REVISION for the Municipality of the Township of RAWDON will be held at the Town Hall, Harold, on Monday, the 30th Day of May, 1898, at 10 o'clock, a.m., for the purpose of hearing and determining all appeals and objections to the assessment for the current year. All parties concerned will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.—JOS. C. MCCONNELL, Springbrook, May 10, 1898. T. Clerk.

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CARPET TALK.

The best is not too good when you want a covering for your floor. There is one maker of Carpets that stands out prominently above all others, and that maker is CROSSLEY. They are recognized as leaders in the Carpet business all over the world. Then the best of it is their Carpets do not cost you any more than inferior makes. Why not have the best? We are Crossley's agents for this district, and are showing a large range of their latest 1898 patterns.

ABOUT CURTAINS.

We have lately received from the best Lace Curtain Makers in England a large range in White and Cream at specially low prices. Splendid values at 25c., 38c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 up to \$5.00 a pair.

We make a specialty of Carpets, Curtains, Window Shades, and all kinds of House Furnishings.

GEO. RITCHIE & CO., BELLEVILLE.

CROCKERY.

I desire to specially call your attention to my lines of Crockery. I have just added a large quantity to my stock, and am now able to show you a complete range, that will be sure to appeal to your judgment when buying. My prices are right.

Don't forget my store when you want Choice, Good, Groceries. My stock is fresh and up-to-date, and you need not want for the best when you can get it here.

I make all kinds of Cakes to order. Fresh Bread always.

FISH and WINDSOR SALT always kept in stock.

JOHN SHAW.

A TRIP TO THE OLD COUNTRY

Is no doubt contemplated by many at this beautiful season of the year. To such I should like to say, I represent, among others, the following steamship lines:—

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Annual Meeting.

The adjourned Annual Meeting of the Sine Creamery Association will be held at Stine on Saturday, May 11th, inst., at the hour of one o'clock p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to transact the business of the association. All parties interested are respectfully requested to attend.

By order of the Board of Directors,
James Scott, President.
Rawdon, May 3rd, 1888.

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LOVE.

I love thee not alone for what thou art, but for a glow which is in thee. Not only for thy body packed with sweet of all this world, that captivates the eye, but for the heart that is in the night of life, that blossoms by the early rain brought on. Not for the face that might indeed provoke the passion of a lover, but for the heart that is in the night of life, that blossoms by the early rain brought on.

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quickly, impelled by a sudden impulse; then, checking herself: "But you are too kind to think about me. I must not detain you, sir."

"I will see you out of the wood, at any rate," he murmured kindly. Then together they strolled toward the farm.

There was a pleasant feeling of curiosity in the stranger's mind as to who the prettiest girl he had ever seen was, and the white gate suddenly flashed across him.

It couldn't be! He had just been at the farm. This could not possibly be the little niece Mrs. Brown had talked about in a rambling, mysterious way.

But Betty had looked so sweetly and gracefully with her supple figure and gracefully smiling eyes, that he could not but be a woman's relative? But Betty had opened the gate while he meditated, and with a shy murmur, "I am not," she was gone.

And the square—for he it was—was slowly homeward, thinking, trying to recall what good Mrs. Brown had said about young folks and flirtation, how folks were not always as good as they seemed and how it was poor for persons to marry young and settle down with a wife and family round.

She couldn't have meant to imply anything about his brother's case, and that pretty child, with her smile in the same breath as anything so prosaic as a "wife and family" was too absurd.

The idea annoyed the square in a most unreasonable manner. "Wife and family!" How these folk did talk, to be sure! But he was not a fool, and he would not drop hints on the subject, but his brother more emphatically averred that he hadn't yet seen the woman on whom he would bestow his hand and heart.

Of course it had been the square's mistake—he shouldn't have jumped to conclusions, but Mrs. Brown's niece and Betty's tears had got mixed in his mind, and he had fancied his brother responsible for one or both. It was a relief to think that the square was not a fool.

After that the square called often at Mrs. Brown's. She was one of the best tenants—there might be repairs needed at her place.

Always Betty was there, either helping to make sweet butter, collecting eggs or feeding little fluffy chickens, and one day the square put up his horse at the home paddock and watched.

Old Farmer Brown had been breaking in a colt, and there was Betty, seated on the fence, watching him. He was so full of spirit, that the farmer let go the lead-rein, and Betty, canted triumphantly by the side of the colt.

Bravo! At the square's voice the girl looked up. She was just about to leave the saddle, and her head on the high spoked little animal's head was raised.

"Hello!" Betty called. "Betty, try to ride a little better, and you'll be a champion." Betty tried to ride a little better, and she fell, her foot caught in the stirrup, and the colt started at a mad gallop round the paddock.

"Good God!" the square sprang over the low wall, and in a moment the recalcitrant little steed was brought to a stand and the fainting girl was rescued.

Down by the brook close by, they bathed her face and hands, and soon the blue eyes opened.

"I was a fool to shout like that. You—you might have been killed."

"Nay, nay, sir; don't take on. There's no harm done. I'm not hurt. I'm good as new."

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A CHICAGOAN WHO KNEW THE "KID-EST MAN THAT EVER LIVED."

The Great Author's Friendliness For the Youth Who Worked in the Brickyard.

His Kindly Manner When He Said, "Well, My Little Man, How Are You?"

Henry T. Jones, a pioneer of Chicago, and a native of Wood and Superior streets, was born in Wiltshire, England, in 1823, and has some interesting memories of Charles Dickens.

Mr. Jones, who is now 65 years of age, was in the habit of stopping on his tours of observation, and the boy with whom he talked long and more frequently than with any one else in the place remembers him now in his years of threescore and ten with an adoring recollection.

"Charles Dickens was the kindest man that ever lived in England, and I

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

The Manitoba Legislature has proposed. Galt contemplates purchasing its waterworks plant.

Montreal has reduced the tax on bicycles from \$2 to \$1.

French-Canadian in Massachusetts are returning to Quebec.

A rich gold find is reported from the vicinity of Rat Portage.

Montreal refineries advanced the price of sugar by one-sixteenth cent per pound.

Montreal contemplates purchasing a farm near the city as a home for pauper children and beggars.

The Railway Committee gave assent to the bill chartering the Toronto & Hudson Bay Railway.

The H. G. & B. Railway shareholders at Hamilton have decided to issue debentures for \$20,000.

The Dominion line steamship Scotland is the first ocean vessel to reach Montreal this season.

The falling off of the Klondike rush has caused a material reduction in the cost of packing over the passes.

Galt councillors have asked the Government to investigate the manner in which licenses are issued there.

Several London young ladies were badly injured in a runaway, in which they were riding colliding with a pole.

The Council of the Toronto Board of Trade has passed a resolution favoring an export duty on nickel-copper ores and matte.

James Lawson, collector of customs at Port Erie, has been appointed special officer to enforce the alien law there.

Gunnars Boucher and Paquet deserted from "A" Battery, Kingston, and went to the States to take service in the American army.

The report that Mr. Harris, general traffic manager of the Government system of railways, has resigned, is denied at Ottawa.

It is reported at Montreal that the G. T. R. has commenced the construction at their Point St. Charles works of 25 new locomotives.

A number of Italians in Toronto have appealed to the Italian Consul for information as to what route they should take in order to join the Spanish Army.

Councillor Martin of Woodstock claims to have been bribed for his vote in the purchase of the Ontario Railway. He has given the money to the Mayor.

Mr. Bicknell, a Napanee cattle buyer, injured at the Lansdowne wreck on the G. T. R. has recovered judgment for \$5,000 damages against the company.

The steamship Andrew Carnegie, Chicago, brought 200,000 bushels of corn to Owen Sound. This is said to be the largest cargo of corn ever floated on fresh water.

The Kingston City Council has decided to consider the offer of the Dominion Cotton Mills Co. asking for a bonus of \$50,000. The amount was considered too large.

Charles N. Del, United States Consul at Guelph, has been notified by the Herald with notice of a libel action. The alleged libel was contained in a dramatic criticism.

The Fire Underwriters' Association have presented a memorial in ultimatum calling on the city to improve the water service or pay increased insurance rates after June 1.

The Macleod Gazette says an Indian named Carle died suddenly at the Ballhead of heart disease this week. Some \$20,000 in bonds and mortgages are reported to have been found on his person.

While the members of the Stratford Congregational Church were passing a sympathetic resolution the pastor of Knox Church in the same city was denouncing such acts as being contrary to the neutrality laws.

The St. John N. B. City Council has granted the Canadian Pacific Railway all the land required for the enlargement of the grain elevator to one million bushels capacity, with conveyors to five steamships.

The Manitoba & North-western Railway Company are seeking to be relieved of their liability to the Manitoba Government and propose to hand over sufficient of their land grant to cover the amount due the province.

Ligation has purchased a Pitta roller for \$3,300, said to be not more than one sold to Galt for \$2,750. The transaction threatens to prevent the passing of the permanent roadways by-law for the expenditure of \$150,000.

The Grand Trunk authorities have decided that all advertisements of patent medicines and other notices must be cleared out of the railway stations and only railway announcements and time tables must adorn the walls.

In view of the war between Spain and the United States, and the possibility of interruption to shipping at United States ports, the Quebec Board of Trade have issued a circular explaining the shipping world explaining the advantages of Quebec harbor.

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C. W. Graves, Canadian agent of the Wis. Central Rail. Co., has been appointed traveling freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern Rail. Co., with headquarters at Toronto, a position formerly held by J. H. McKinnon, now of the London, England, office of the Great Northern.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The mail steamer Ireland, said to

have been purchased by the United States has been forbidden to sail from Kingston, Ireland.

Germany threatens to retaliate because of the British's denunciation at Canada's request, of the Anglo-German treaty.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain announced that the Alaska boundary dispute would be referred to arbitration. He added that in the meantime a modus vivendi may be suggested upon.

The London Times says: "Our sympathies on the main question, are with the United States, as they are held to be in the right. But of any matter of form, we are not so clear or unanimous."

The suspension of the firm of Sherwood, Messers & Company, cotton brokers, of Liverpool, is announced. This firm operated throughout the Southern States under the firm name of John Sherwood & Company.

UNITED STATES.

Fifty thousand Californians have already volunteered for service.

Forty thousand men have already volunteered in Massachusetts.

The Standard National Bank at 23rd and Madison avenue, New York, has closed and is being liquidated.

Two murderers, Fred Rockwell and Patrick Banya, were hanged at Ridge-way, Pa., on Tuesday.

Moslem Temple, Myrtle Beach, of Detroit, has abandoned its proposed visit to Ramesses Temple of Toronto, owing to the war.

A United States Government official has made arrangements to purchase 5,000 horses in Canada for war purposes if needed.

Chicago Knights of Pythias have organized one thousand strong to go to the front. Sixteen hundred policemen also volunteered in that city.

Chicago has received a bill from the State of New York, which has proposed a bill permitting the purchase of supplies for the army in the open market instead of by contract.

Governor Hastings, of Pennsylvania, will leave to the committee on John Wansmaker, who has offered to equip a regiment at his own expense.

The application of Rev. J. W. Woodworth, formerly of Detroit, for chaplaincy in the State troops, is on file with Adjutant-General Fries, of Michigan.

Orders have been issued closing Portland harbor from 8 p.m. to 4 p.m. Patrol boats will also be on duty outside during the day to guide vessels safely into the harbor.

The vessels St. Louis and St. Paul and Harvard, lately New York, have been fitted with armor protection over their gun turrets, and they have already received good batteries.

Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn, of United States War Department, has issued a statement that only a limited number of representatives will be allowed to accompany the army.

Philadelphia was gayly decorated with flags on Saturday, and it was noticeable that the British flag found a place in the display while here and there was the flag of Cuba.

The city of Chicago, located three miles west of New York, N.Y., and containing 33 male and 19 female inmates, was gutted by fire on Tuesday.

The loss in the Chicago fire, it is estimated, was \$100,000,000, and for one half, No one was injured.

The cruiser Charleston is in bad shape at San Francisco. Her condensing tubes were injured by the recent earthquake, and it will be necessary to secure new ones from the east before she will be ready for service.

The American line steamer New York, which has been chartered by the United States Government, arrived at New York Sunday morning. As soon as she was moored all hands were paid off. The crew immediately resigned for a period of leave, and the present mercantile marine rates of wages. Out of the crew of 420 on the St. Louis only seven refused to sign.

All the Bessemer pig iron produced in the United States is agreed to bank their furnaces for thirty days out of the three months of May, June, and July. A \$25,000 insurance has been given by every interest, about 18 in all.

GENERAL.

Ecuador is raising a fund to aid Spain in the present war.

Out of 34 storms which reached the French shores in 1896, all but 3 were forecast by the central meteorological office.

Many Greeks are presenting themselves at the United States Consulate at Athens, and enlistment in the United States forces.

Baron Ito, the Japanese Minister of Commerce, has tendered his resignation for a period of leave, and the present mercantile marine rates of wages. Out of the crew of 420 on the St. Louis only seven refused to sign.

The Vienna Fremdenblatt says the torpedo manufacturer at Fiume declined to supply Spain because it had a pressing order from Japan.

A Hong Kong cable says the steamer Esmeralda, chartered by the banking companies, has gone to Manila to bring away the specie there, as trouble is apprehended.

The French society for the assistance of wounded soldiers has donated \$100,000 and is soliciting subscriptions for the purpose of aiding the American and Spanish Red Cross Societies.

Spain according to a despatch from Rome to a London news agency, has bought the ship Siro, Orione, and Regina Margherita, for conversion into auxiliary cruisers.

The latest advice from Porto Rico are that the excitement there is increasing, and the prices of food are advancing. Prices are being taken to prevent the flight of refugees. There is talk of a revolution at Mayaguez.

The Persian Consul-General at Antwerp, a big diamond merchant, states that the big diamond in the line of the United States has been entirely unused. A great number of cutters have been thrown out of work.

The sailing steamer Ranger arrived on Wednesday at St. John's, Nfld., with 6,000 seals. Her crew had to be kept at the pumps for three days to keep the ship from sinking. The season's total catch will be about 300,000 seals.

It was announced that the Argentine Republic during the war between Spain and the United States, but it appears

certain that the Government will reserve absolute liberty of action in regard to coal.

The Imperialist of Madrid says: "All the world now knows that America tried to bluff Spain by war threats which she is unable to fulfill. America is a weakling, and a weakling is a weak band. Its real strength is exactly known—five ironclads, two belted cruisers, and a few other vessels, and most powerful cruisers, and twelve other cruisers. All the rest are theatrical superiors."

BOSTON MAY BE BOMBARDED.

Spanish Fleet Expected to Attack United States City.

A despatch from Washington says: "There is excellent authority for the statement that the Administration believes the Spanish men-of-war now on their way to western waters will appear at some port on the coast, and attempt to do as much damage as possible, and when this work has been completed, to sail with all speed to the New England coast, in order to fight their way into St. Juan."

As to the point where Spain will strike, the authorities are totally undecided to say. New York is considered in a very good condition to resist attack, but this is not the case with the New England coast, and with the Southern coast. Captain W. P. Duvall, military aide to Secretary Alger, has been inspecting the defenses of Boston and other New England cities for several days. It was to prevent Spanish privates from ravaging the New England coast, the cruiser Columbia and Minneapolis were sent to patrol duty there, and the mobilization of the northern patrol squadron of the New England coast, and with the having a naval force handy to resist an attack on any of the north-eastern coast. Instructions to the command and officers of the auxiliary cruisers Yankee, Prairie, and Yosemite require them to join the flagship San Francisco at Provincetown without delay.

Their crews will have gun practice on the way, and will be given as much training as possible. Besides Commodore Howell's squadron, the ports will be defended by great guns, and General Merritt will improve the fortifications as much as possible.

READY TO LEAVE.

Queen Regent Only Waiting for a Suitable Moment to Quit Spain.

London, May 6.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "At home here has been reserved at the Regent's Palace, and the Regent of Spain in his chair before apartments have been prepared for her in her brother's palace. Telegrams from the Austrian Ambassador at Madrid, Count Dubsky, indicate that the Queen Regent is only waiting for a suitable moment to quit Spain, without detriment to the interests of her son."

THE SPANISH FLEET.

A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Cadiz, Spain, says: "The battleship Pelayo, and the cruiser Alfonso XIII, have left their anchorage in the bay and gone to the dockyard. The Spanish fleet, and the Regent are preparing with all speed, and are all expected to sail together. Cadiz is overwhelmed by the news of the Philippine disaster, the lost crews numbering many Cadiz men."

BLOWING UP POWDER MILLS.

Spanish Spies Accused of Being Responsible for the Wreckage.

A despatch from Washington says: "Spanish spies are charged to be responsible for the recent explosions of powder mills in California. Official reports made to the War Department, present the strongest kind of circumstantial evidence to this effect, and as a result the authorities of all branches of the Government, who have been keenly alive to Spanish treachery for some time past, have redoubled their vigilance. Recent explosions of powder mills in various parts of the country are generally understood to be the work of Spanish agents connected with the Spanish Government. The first of these explosions occurred in the California powder mill at San Jose, and the second at Santa Cruz. Near this place is an immense monastery that is entirely occupied by Spanish Jesuits. It is supposed that the explosion was the work of two of the inmates of this establishment. The closest watch is now being maintained upon the monks, and it is not improbable that some steps will be taken to send them all out of the country."

THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

Sir Thomas H. Sanderson Said to be Successor to Sir Julian Pauncefote.

A despatch from London says: "It is reported that the British Ambassador at Washington is to be succeeded by a high official of the British Foreign Office."

Sir Julian Pauncefote's successor is said to be Sir Thomas H. Sanderson, C.B., C.M.G., is a prominent member of the Foreign Office, and one of the most experienced diplomatic officers in the British service.

ELEVEN MEN DROWNED.

The Schooner Crown Lost off St. John's, Newfoundland.

A despatch from St. John's, Nfld., says: The schooner Crown, Captain Linahan, was lost off here on Wednesday, and her entire company, 11 men, all married, perished. The disaster has created intense sorrow here. The cause of the disaster is not known.

The sailing steamer Terra Nova has arrived here with 20,000 seals.

WAR PRACTICALLY OVER.

Another Reverse Like That at Cavite Would End It.

The Madrid correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph says: "Those who are best informed as to the Government's view, allege that if the Spanish arms suffer another reverse like that at Cavite, the Government would informally request the great powers to interpose their services to arrange the best possible terms of peace. Many liberals consider that Spain, having maintained her honor and justified her chivalry, can afford to yield to superior force; but it is doubtful whether public opinion would approve this line of action. It is assumed that the Government would be content to cede Cuba to the United States, but would not pay indemnity, because unable. Well-informed politicians here regard the war as practically terminated, and that to-wards Spain it will become history."

All the elements of a long civil war in Spain are now becoming visible. The Government and the Liberal party are popularly hated as being responsible for the war. The Republicans possess no durable chances of success. The Conservatives and Carlists are the great parties of the country, and the Conservative forces are gravitating toward Carlism. The economic question, however, will come to the front first, for hunger cannot wait.

RIOTS IN SPAIN.

Buildings Set on Fire and Officials Stoned. A Mob Shot Down.

A despatch from Madrid, says: "The situation in the provinces is unchanged, and everywhere the disaffection has been growing, especially over the prices of bread."

In the town of Aguilas, the Province of Murcia, a mob, mostly composed of women, burned the store-houses and offices.

The fishermen who broke out against the Otorio dues at Gijon, received the most determined assistance from the tobacco girls. Together they sacked several bakeries, and burned all the octorio offices, with all the papers belonging to the foreign ships loading in the harbor. The civil guard was hotly stoned at the prison, and the mob marched off with the iron bars of the goal, and the soldiers were driven off. They were hotly stoned, replying with fire and wounding many. The mob then attacked the Government buildings, and set them on fire. The troops again fired, this time from the balconies, and wounded many; but the women kept on throwing stones.

Then the mob turned on the reserve commander-in-chief of the reserve fleet at Cadiz.

WOLSELEY'S OPINION.

Believes the U. S. Cause Just and That the American Will Win.

A prominent Englishman, who believes in the justice of America's cause and who is also of the opinion that the United States will certainly have a walkover, is Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief of the British forces. During a dinner party conversation the other day, Lord Wolseley drew a parallel between Cuba and Crete, saying: "While England interfered in Crete, and the British fleet was sent, she has both moral and material justification for intervention in Cuba. I believe the quality of the American fleet is superior to that of Spain's, and that the Americans will have no difficulty in defeating Spain's ships and land forces, which are their equals or superiors on paper only."

REVOLUTION IN MADRID.

Alarmist Reports at Gibraltar of Assassination of Members of the Cortes.

A despatch from Gibraltar, says: "Most alarming rumours are prevalent here regarding the situation in Madrid. It is reported that Campos Moret has been assassinated, and that the British Embassy has sought refuge in the British Embassy from the fury of the mob."

From a high official source here I have information that the situation in Madrid is exceedingly serious. Not only is the city in a state of siege but there has been rioting and firing in the streets. I have no means of verifying the news. The Carlists are exceedingly active, and are doing all they can to excite the Spanish people to revolution. I have just seen a circular received by a Spanish here. It holds Don Carlos up as being the only true patriot in Spain and freely attacks the Government for treachery. It says that the moment for revolution has come.

TROOPS FOR DEWEY.

More Men to Be Sent From San Francisco to Manila.

A despatch from Washington says: "Active preparations are being made in the Adjutant-General's Department to arrange for the troops which are to be sent to Commodore Dewey in holding the Philippines. It has been definitely decided that the body of troops will be sent from Frisco to Manila."

Rear-Admiral Kirkland has received telegraphic communications from the Department to provide the necessary provisions for 2,000 men for four months. The army authorities have given full power to obtain the necessary transports for the troops. I am informed that the necessary arrangements have already been presented by several steamship companies on the Pacific coast.

RIOTERS FIRED ON BY TROOPS.

A despatch from Rome says: "During a bread riot at Piacenza on Monday the mob threatened to attack the prefecture and the city hall, and the troops sent to protect the buildings. To this the soldiers replied by firing a volley. One rioter was killed."

EUROPEAN WAR MAY RESULT.

Some British Naval Officers of High Rank Express This Opinion.

A correspondent at Gibraltar, telegraphs the following: During the last few days we have had many opportunities of obtaining the views of several naval officers upon the present crisis, and in the days a naval officer of high position are often placed in situations where immediate decisions of vital importance have to be taken, so that they are naturally judges than trained diplomats. Their opinions may be summarized as follows:—

Whatever may be their ideas on the technical procedure of the United States, on general principles they side with America as a sister nation. The opinion of one of the most able is that war could have been avoided, and the same results obtained had America given more time, and that this matter is going to be more troublesome than the United States imagined, the Spaniards having the fixed intention of drawing it out until they had every day is enormously damaging the United States.

SPAIN VICTORIOUS AT FIRST.

Another officer, of almost equal importance, said, but not to me, that he thought the Spanish would be victorious in the first one or two encounters. When asked their reason, he said: "Because they are excellent sailors, and understand the handling of their ships."

But more often than any other I heard the opinion that this is only the beginning of great international complications, and that England has been seen for some time past, and for which her navy is so thoroughly prepared that England is not necessarily at war with the United States, and when the time comes she will be found tuned up to the concert pitch. The world, however, is full of talk of the militia being called out in case of need for foreign service, is much talked of as an indication.

INCLINATION AGAINST GERMANY.

While the report published Saturday is probably without foundation, that the German fleet is going to Manila, the fact that the German blockade of Manila is all around naval sentiment still more and there is not a naval officer here who would not like a good fight with the Kaiser's fleet in Germany's present attitude the hatred of England. They consider that the greatest lack today of America and Great Britain is the Kaiser's bitter hatred of both nations.

The Channel squadron in all its glory—six first-class battleships and five cruisers—sailed into the harbor on Saturday afternoon. It was a splendid sight. The ships arrived in double line, and the crew witnessed the mathematical precision of their movements.

The steamship San Ignacio de Loyola had arrived from Cadiz, having aboard crews which took the Hamburg American line steamers Columbia and Normannia, purchased by Spain. They transferred to the ship Hager, bound for Bremen.

The Destructor returned to Algiers Saturday evening, but was out again on Monday morning, keeping up the same sharp patrol work as heretofore. This is probably on account of the expected visit here of a merchantman bound to the United States.

HOW JOHN BULL GOT HIS NAME.

A Saïre Written by Dr. John Arbuthnot.

Dr. John Arbuthnot, one of the many royal physicians to whom the Scotch city of Aberdeen has given birth, was the author of John Bull's being almost forgotten now by all but the erudite, who remember him as the intimate of Pope and Swift. Arbuthnot christened the British nation in bulk as John Bull in the political strife incidental to the dismissal of the whig Ministry of 1710, when the able and aversive Marlborough, then the beginning of the decline of his brilliant fortunes.

"The History of John Bull" was written by the poet, and it was written by Arbuthnot. In 1794 he was created physician extraordinary to the Queen in recognition of his services. Prince George of Denmark, he had been the Queen's confidential medical attendant, a position of great importance at a time when so much depended on the succession to the crown, and he was closely in touch with court life.

For the better understanding of the following history, the reader ought to know that Bull, in the main, was an honest, plain dealing fellow, choleric, bold and of very inconsistent temper. He dreaded not old Lewis, especially at backwood, single fustian or cudgel, but when he was very apt to quarrel with his best friends, especially if they pretended to govern him, if you fastened him you might lead him like a child. John's temper depended very much upon the air; his spirits rose and fell with the weather, and his business very well; but no man alive was more careless in looking into his accounts or more cheated by parties.

OFF TO PORTO RICO.

Admiral Sampson to Attempt to Seize the Spanish Fleet.

A despatch to the London Daily Mail from Key West, sent by way of Tampa in order to escape censorship, asserts of positive knowledge that Rear-Admiral Sampson's fleet will steam at full speed to Porto Rico, either to destroy or to occupy the coaling station and the naval base, and the Spanish squadron arrives, and then sail to sea and try to engage the Cape Verde fleet.

A WISE DOW.

Trans-Hem. Good-morning! Mum. Nice day you have, mum; What day call it?

Trans-Hem. It'll go to you with-out calling, quick as I loose this chain.

One rioter was killed.

SAY THEY HEARD FIRING.

MYSTERIOUS CANNONING HEARD IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

Was There a Naval Battle? The Firing Heard at St. John's, Nfld., on Saturday Night and Sunday Morning—A Strange Story.

A despatch from St. John's, Nfld., says: "The telegraph operator at Trepassy reports mysterious cannoning off that port Saturday night, as follows: 'About 10 o'clock Saturday night heavy firing could be distinctly heard in the bay south of Trepassy, lasting about 15 minutes. The shots came very quickly after each other, some being very loud and heavy, sufficient to cause the houses here to tremble. Others again, were short, sharp, as if from lighter pieces. Further cannoning was heard before daylight on Sunday. This lasted about 20 minutes. Crowds of people, aroused by the first fusillade flocked to the water's edge. The first impression was that some steamer in distress in the bay was firing rockets, but the discharge were too heavy and too rapid for that. There was a general agreement that there was a naval battle in progress.'

A LARGE SKEWER.

About 10 o'clock Saturday afternoon a number of Trepassy people saw a large steamer in the offing. They began to fire, and the warship, she was towed, with two small boats, and much in the middle. She was about eight miles off shore, going slow, and bound for the Cape Verde Islands. The warship, as compared with the ordinary passing frigate, was a large and also her bulky look amorphous."

CONFIRMED BY ANOTHER.

In Saturday night's cannoning from 50 to 60 shots were fired. The telegraph operator at Cape Race, who is 15 miles east of Trepassy, confirms the report to the firing of guns between 10 and 11 o'clock Saturday night. He asserts that the firing was heard by both himself and his brother. The weather was no foggy at the time, and only heavy, and there was consequently no need of a steamer firing because of any danger on that score. This operator said the shots lasted about 10 minutes, and that the shots were too heavy for rockets.

The wreckage could have drifted ashore since then, because the wind has been off the land, and no steamers are due from Halifax or Sydney before Saturday night, which would be likely to sight either of the combatants if the firing was a battle.

NOTABLE FIRES.

These in the United States Have Proved the Least Serious.

The largest fire of the year 1897 was what has come to be known as the Aldersgate street fire in London. The damage from which variously estimated at first, has been put officially at \$10,000,000. Ten million dollar fires are very rare nowadays in countries equipped, however imperfectly, with apparatus for the extinguishing of fires, and in the United States conflagrations of such dimensions are practically unknown. In former times, however, such fires were not so rare, and what is known as "the great New York fire" of 1835, involved a pecuniary loss of \$300,000,000, which represents, of course, a much larger amount being probably greater at that time, relatively, than would such a fire to-day, and moreover, the system of insurance being such that by the failure of a large number of companies the insured were practically left without any compensation for the losses which they sustained. The number of buildings burned in the great New York fire, which started in what was then known as Merchant street, in the Wall street district, was 700, and it was not the firemen who put a stop to it, but the United States sailors who came from the navy yard and blew up a number of buildings.

THE CHICAGO FIRE.

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The aggregate losses of New York city from fires of all kinds occurring during the year, are now about \$3,000,000, and in any recent year they have not been so large as \$7,000,000. The nearest approach to it was in 1891, when they were \$6,000,000. The largest fire in New York city, which was known as the Bleeker street fire at the corner of Greene and Bleeker streets, on May 1, 1842, cost the loss from which was \$1,466,000.

The largest and most serious fire of which there is authentic record in Germany, was the Hamburg fire of 1842, the loss resulting from it being \$35,000,000. The "great fire" of London took place in 1666, and cost a loss of \$10,000,000, but there has never been any very accurate computation of the loss and perhaps no such computation in Germany.

There have been many serious fires in France, but no one of them large enough to take rank in respect to the enormous material loss of which there is a record.

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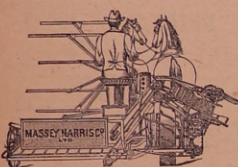
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See our window. 50 pairs Men's Fine Dongola Shoes at \$1.00 a pair at BROWN & McCUTCHEON'S.

The concert in the music hall on the night of the 24th promises to be a grand success. If you want an enjoyable evening, lots of fun and a good laugh, don't miss it.

Do not forget the C.O.O.F. services in the Methodist Church, Stirling, on Sabbath afternoon at 3.30. The order will march in full dress. The ex-Grand Chaplain will preach.

The Committee of Management for the 24th Celebration expect a large crowd on that day, and are sparing neither pains nor money to make it a red letter day in Stirling.

Another car of flour is being shipped to-day to the Province of Quebec by J. Boldrick & Son. We are pleased to see the flour made at the Crown Roller Mill in such good demand where there is a large competition.

Don't fail to get a pair of those \$1 Shoes at BROWN & McCUTCHEON'S.

A short visit was paid to the High and Public Schools on Monday by Mr. J. Boldrick, one of the Visiting Committee, and Rev. Wm. Johnston. All the departments were working industriously, teachers and pupils. The visit was mutually pleasant.

Short addresses of congratulation and encouragement were delivered by both gentlemen, with a promise of a more extended visit in the near future.

The following words can be sung by those to whom it applies to the popular tune which every schoolboy can whistle:

"We don't want to buy at your place; we don't trade there any more; you'll be sorry when you see us going to some other store; You can't sell us any stale goods; we have opened wide our eyes; we don't want to trade at your store; 'cause you do not advertise."

Men's 3-Buckle Plow Boots, \$1.15, at BROWN & McCUTCHEON'S.

At either the High School Entrance Examination or the Public School Leaving Examination, the Revised Regulations of the Education Department do not, as formerly, call for the presentation of book work in writing, drawing, &c. For the latter examination, book work, if presented by candidates, is to be taken into account, as last year, in view of the special provisions announced for 1898.

In the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening last, an Armenian named Garabed Der Hacopian gave a lecture, illustrated by views from a magic lantern, on Armenia. He gave a heart-rending account of the persecutions the Armenians suffered at the hands of the Turks. He also sang in his native tongue, and the lecture was generally interesting. Miss Conley sang a solo, "Armenia's Appeal to America," very nicely. Over \$7.00 was taken up in the collection for Armenian relief purposes.

There is a good opening for some one to go into the business of spraying fruit trees. It does not pay parties in this village, or even in the country, with small orchards, to get a spraying apparatus, and many have not time to attend to it, even if they did afford the expense, but they would be willing to pay for having the work done by some one who thoroughly understood the business, and the destruction of caterpillars and other pests would more than repay the cost. Here is a chance for some one who is fully posted in the spraying business.

Double Breasted Suits.

There is a big demand this spring for double breasted suits. The Oak Hall have all the new shades of clothing made in this style, as well as sack and skirt. Some men think a double breasted coat is only intended for fall and winter, but such is not the case. We are selling more double breasted now than last fall.

Another car load of horses was shipped to Montreal this other day, and several car loads of beans and potatoes have been shipped from here during the past week or two.

The lacrosse match here on the 24th of May between Mado Senior and Hastings Senior teams will be very interesting, and one of the many attractions of the day. It is sure to be hotly contested.

The Campbellford Herald of last week says—"Dr. Cook, veterinary surgeon, left here quietly, without being 'suppered,' about three weeks ago, and his continued absence has caused many enquiries to be made as to his destination. It is reported he is on a summer tour in Winnipeg or enjoying himself on the flowery prairies of that province, and may return later on. The doctor came to Campbellford with inflated expectations of doing important things in the line of animal surgery, but his practice was not notorious for its financial returns, and there are many persons interested in his future welfare who would like to do more business with him." Dr. Cook left this place a little over a year ago, leaving, as our contemporary says, "many persons interested in his future welfare who would like to do more business with him," yet we were severely criticised for hinting as much. We have seen no reason for changing the opinion then expressed.

The large reduction plant and laboratory of the Canadian Goldfield Company Limited, at Deloro, Ont., was burned early Sunday morning. The fire originated in a badly-constructed dryer. Loss, about \$60,000, partially insured.

Selling at One Price.

A great many stores advertise to do a one-price business. How many carry it out? The Oak Hall have a reputation running back for years and that reputation has been won by constant fighting against clothing houses having two or three prices. There are some houses in the city to-day claiming to do one price, but—

Auction Sales.

SATURDAY, MAY 21.—At the premises of the proprietor, Mr. A. H. Kerr, Stirling, and other articles. Sale at 2 o'clock. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

Births.

RUPERT.—In Rawdon, on May 7, the wife of SIDNEY RUPERT, of a son.

STIRLING MARKET.

Wheat—\$1.00 per bus. Rye—55c. to 57c. per bus. Peas—55c. to 58c. per bus. Oats—80c. to 83c. per bus. Barley—40c. to 50c. per bus. Buckwheat—40c. to 40c. per bus. Hay—\$3.00 to \$3.50 per ton. Butter—15c. to 15c. per lb. Eggs, fresh—9c. to 9c. per doz. Farmers' Lard—10c. to 10c. per lb. Apples, green—75c. to \$1.00 per bag. Potatoes—45c. to 50c. per bag. Timothy seed—\$2.00 to \$2.25 per bus. Deakins 50c.

Corn! Corn! Corn! HARDWARE!

We have just received a car of **MAMMOTH SOUTHERN SWEET CORN**

which is of excellent quality.

SALT—Another car of Cheese Salt (coarse in 200-pound sacks and fine barrel Salt) just arrived.

CROCKERY & CHINAWARE.

For the next ten days we will give special values in Crockery. Now is the time to purchase. Over twenty Dinner and Tea Sets to select from.

FLOUR—You are never deceived when you buy your Flour at this store. The public are alive to this fact.

POTATOES—We pay 50c. per bag, cash or trade.

EGGS—You can get 9 cents for your Eggs here.

WM. HOLDEN.

A MODEL SHOE

Comfort, Style & Quality.

It fits the foot because it's made the shape of the foot. It suits the style because the style now is in shapes that are natural foot shapes. It has the quality, because the quality is put into it. You don't have to pay any extra price.

CALL AND SEE

Our \$1.25 Fine Boot for Men.
" \$1.25 Bicycle Boot "
" \$1.00 Plow Boot "
" \$1.15 Buckle Boot "
" \$1.00 Boot for Women.
" \$1.00 Fine Shoes "
" \$1.25 Fine Boot Boots, Women.
Bargains at 50c. and 75c.

You are welcome to inspect our Stock.
Our Goods and Prices are right.

MARTIN & REYNOLDS.
BRING US YOUR BUTTER AND EGGS.

CROWN ROLLER MILL.

FLOUR.

I am selling a strictly first class Family Flour at \$2.75. Try it. Remember, we guarantee it.

CORN.

I have just received a car of the famous Red Cob Corn, which will be sold to our customers at 55c. per bushel. See it before buying.

C. J. BOLDRICK, Mgr.

Some More Specials

THIS WEEK AT
THE MONSTER FIRE SALE.

10 pieces of Fancy Plaid and Flower Patterns, wool finish, double fold Wrappettes at the wholesale price of 12½c. Come early and make your selection.

Another shipment of the famous 5c. COTTON to hand.

COMPLETE STOCK OF STAPLES

always on hand. The price? The lowest, of course.

Having replenished our Grocery Stock, you'll find it up-to-date, as usual.

We've established a name for selling the BEST TEAS in the market, and it is to our interest to keep that name.

If you are desirous of having some of the far famed 15-cent Black and Japan Tea, you must call this week, as we have but a limited supply on hand.

E. F. PARKER.

SIGN OF THE RED FLAG.

THE NEWS-ARGUS

ONLY \$1.00 PER ANNUM.

NEW STORE NEW GOODS ROCK BOTTOM PRICES!

I have now a full and complete line in all Shelf and Heavy Hardware. FENCE WIRE only 2c. a pound. NONSUCH STOVE BLACKING, with a beautiful match safe for 10c. SCREEN DOORS, all complete, 75c. SCREEN WINDOWS, LAWN MOWERS, PAINTS, OILS, &c. MIXED PAINT, guaranteed. Call and see for yourself. Prices guaranteed.

L. MEIKLEJOHN.

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T. E. OLIVER, D.D.S.,
DENTIST,
HONORARY GRADUATE OF TORONTO UNIVERSITY, AND M.R.C.D.S. OF ONTARIO.
OFFICE—Over Parker's Drug Store.
Will visit Marmora every Thursday.

FRANK ZWICK, M.B.,
GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MEDICAL COLLEGE. Licentiate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario.
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE:—Dr. Boulter's former residence, Stirling.

G. G. THRASHER,
SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC, CONVEYANCER.
OFFICE—Over Brown & McCutcheon's Store, Stirling, Ontario.

J. EARL HALLIWELL, B.A.,
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, COMMISSIONER.
OFFICE—Over Boldrick's Store, Stirling.

W. J. McCAHON,
BARRISTER, ETC., BELLEVILLE, ONT.
OFFICES: McCAHON Block, Cor. Front and Bridge Streets.
MONEY TO LOAN.

W. P. McMAHON,
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC., STIRLING.
Private Money to Loan at Lowest Rates.
Offices, East side Front St.

JOHN S. BLACK,
CONVEYANCER, COMMISSIONER FOR TAKING ABSTRACTS. Office, over the store lately occupied by G. L. Scott, Stirling.

BAILIFFS AND AUCTIONEERS.
CHARLES BUTLER AND HARRY HARRIS, Bailiffs and Licensed Auctioneers for the County of Hastings. Satisfaction guaranteed. All orders promptly attended to. C. Butler, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, as usual. Residence, Stirling, Ont.

STIRLING LODGE
No. 239.
I. O. O. F.
Meets in the Lodge room, Conley block, EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING at 8 o'clock.
G. L. SCOTT, R. S.

DENTISTRY.
C. L. HAWLEY, L.D.S.

TRENTON, GRADUATE OF THE TORONTO School of Dentistry, will visit Stirling each month until further notice.
The Dental Engine, Vitrified Air, Gas, and all the modern improvements known to Dentistry, will be used for the painless extraction and preservation of the natural teeth.
Rooms at Scott House.

B. C. HUBBELL,
MARRIAGE.
ISSUER OF MARRIAGE LICENSES AND Justice of the Peace for county Hastings.

A. E. TWEDDIE, V.S., Stirling.
Office one door west of the Kerby Hotel. All calls promptly attended day and night.

STIRLING MARBLE WORKS.
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IMPORTER OF FOREIGN MARBLE AND GRANITE, has now on hand a full supply of Marble in Southern Falls and Blue, also Granite. A call solicited. Shop on Front Street.

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A Special Invitation To You TO VISIT OUR STORE BEFORE THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY



And make your purchases of NECKWEAR, SHIRTS, COLLARS AND CUFFS, HATS, CAPS, BICYCLE SWEATERS, STOCKINGS, BELTS, UNDERWEAR, HOSIERY, &c. You will find our range as large as any city stock, and all the latest novelties, with Price Reduced. We can rig you according to the size of your pocket-book. We will Shirts you, Collar you, Tie you, Sock you and Hat you for \$1.36, or if you want a new Suit made to order, we will add that and Brace you up for \$11.35, and you will make a respectable appearance in Stirling on the 24th, as everybody is coming to the centre of attraction, which always means Stirling, where you will find

FRED. WARD,
YOUR TAILOR, HATTER & FURNISHER.

Who will give to every purchaser of goods to the value of \$1.50 in cash a 25c ticket of admittance to the Agricultural Grounds to witness the horse racing and sports on the 24th.

The PEOPLE'S STORE

IS CERTAINLY THE PLACE TO BUY HONEST GOODS, AND ALWAYS ONE PRICE TO ALL.

Dress Goods.

Only a few Dresses left at 35c. a yard, regular price 50c. Big Bargains. Come early and be suited.

We expect some of the latest designs in Pattern Dresses here on Saturday. Gimps and Silk to match.

Any person wanting a fine MUSLIN DRESS, newest things, be sure and come Saturday. First come, first served.

PRINTS.—We are now ready to show a fresh lot.

CHALLIES.—A few we are selling at a great reduction to make room for Summer Goods.

LADIES' GLOVES, Silk, 40c., Taffety, 25c., Lisle, 35c.

LADIES' HOSE now in stock, 7c., 10c., 12c., 15c. and upwards. Don't go elsewhere expecting to do better. Can suit you all.

SCHOOL BOYS' HOSE.—We have a full line of Boys' Ribbed Hose, (heavy) from the smallest to the largest size.

A new line of SAILOR HATS selling at 25c. Always a fresh, up-to-date stock of other shapes on hand.

GROCERIES, ALL FRESH.—Japan Tea at 25c., a bargain. Come and try a sample package and be convinced we have the best in town.

CASH PAID FOR EGGS. (HOUSE TO RENT.)

C. F. STICKLE.

Her Watch Wouldn't Go

I peeped into her watch when she said "the old thing wouldn't go." After a hasty glance I didn't wonder, and my diagnosis was "Indigestion." Pasted against the inner side of the case were: 1.—A portrait of her first love. 2.—Some dead forget-me-nots. 3.—A four-leaved clover. Between the inner cover and the works were two pictures and a recipe for cold cream. And still the obstinate thing refused to go. How is your watch running? A little slow? A little fast? Is it out of repair? If so bring it to me and have it fixed right.

W. H. CALDER, OPTICIAN & JEWELER.

N.B.—Just received a new line of Gold Watches with 15 and 17 Jewelled Adjusted Movements, at very close prices.

YOU NEED IT!

SPRING time has come again, and with it House Cleaning, and you need some new Furniture to replace that which is getting worn and broken, or to furnish rooms that you never felt before that you could furnish to your liking. Now, the best place to get what you want in this line is at JAS. RALPH'S, Stirling. He has a splendid assortment, and will sell it to you at prices that cannot be beat in the city. Just call and examine. It is a pleasure to show goods, and you will find the prices right.

CURTAIN POLES AND WINDOW SHADES AT LOWEST PRICES.

PICTURE FRAMING

A large Stock of Mouldings to select from, and prices as low as any in the trade.

JAMES RALPH.

5 PER CENT. FOR SERVICE.

A large breed Tamworth and Berkshire Boar. Terms 75 cents.

SANFORD CAVERLEY,
Lot 12, 4th Con. Rawdon.

Thoroughbred Jersey Bull,
With registered Pedigree, for service. Terms \$1.00.

O. VANDEVOORT,
Lot 19, 2nd Con. Sidney.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the celebration of the Queen's Birthday in Stirling are putting forth every effort to make it a grand success. A program has been issued, giving the sports for the day as follows:

A procession will be formed at 10 o'clock, consisting of Societies, Bicyclists, Calathumpians, the various clubs and others, and march to the Agricultural Grounds. There will be two Bands in the procession. A prize will be given to the most comical character on wheel. Immediately on arrival at the grounds there will be a one-hour lacrosse match.

Stirling vs. Madoc Juniors, and one heat of each Bicycle Race will be run off. In the afternoon at one o'clock there will be a procession of the Bands and Lacrosse teams to the Grounds. At 1.30 sharp the Bicycle Races will be finished in alternate heats. Next will be the Lacrosse Match, Hastings seniors vs. Madoc seniors. This will be a very interesting game. The teams are strong and well matched. After the lacrosse match there will be Horse Races, for which there are liberal purses. Free-for-all, 2.40 class, green race, best drive team.

The Driving Track and Grounds have been put in first class order, and a grand stand is being erected which will be completed by that time, and which will comfortably seat over 400 people in the most comfortable manner, as it will be seated with chairs.

In the evening there will be a Grand Concert in the Music Hall.

There will be a special train from Madoc, and low rates on the Grand Trunk from other points. There will also be a special train on the C.O.R., and parties coming from Frankford or Trenton will be met by buses at Anson, and brought here for the small sum of ten cents.

The Hastings Star speaks of the celebration at Stirling as follows:

The majority of our citizens who intend to celebrate the Queen's Birthday are going to Stirling.

Everybody is going to Stirling for the 24th of May to see our boys win the laurels from Madoc. Let one and all take in the trip as there is a first class programme outside of the match. The return fare is only 70c., so any one wanting to spend a pleasant holiday as well as witness one of the swiftest games of lacrosse ever played in this district will be found at Stirling on that day. Train leaves here at 9.15 a.m., and arrives home 8.30 p.m. Everybody wants to go.

Tuberculosis Infections.

Dr. W. T. Connell, bacteriologist at Queen's College, writes a letter to the press to prove the infectivity of tuberculosis. He looked into the cases among the cows at Rockwood Hospital for the Insane, and believes it was caused by the cows drinking water from a trough passing from manger to manger, allowing free communication. Much of the material brought up from the lungs of the sick cow in the first case would naturally be coughed into the trough, there to mix with the water supplied to the other animals. He adds: "This ought to be an important object lesson to us, for if one cow can infect another by infecting the food, cannot human beings be infected from the milk of diseased animals? There is no doubt at all in the minds of those most capable of judging that milk from such infected herds is dangerous, particularly to children, infants and invalids, who are, in fact, those who partake most freely of this foodstuff."

Stirling Cheese Board.

As the Stirling Cheese Board, held May 18th, 514 cheese were offered as follows:

	WHITE	COLD
Shamrock	50	
Stirling	30	
Queens	30	14
Kingston	25	
Maple Leaf	50	
Harold	30	
Big Springs	25	
Enterprise	30	
West Huntingdon	30	40
Springbrook	30	
Spry	25	
Marmora	60	
Bell	25	
	400	45

The following sales were made:

Thos. Watkins, 189 at 7-10c.
" " 40 at 7-10c.

The teachers of South Hastings meet in convention at Belleville on the 20th and 21st inst.

Tweed and Madoc are having an epidemic of measles. One death has occurred from this cause in Madoc.—Mrs. Arthur Johnson, aged 37 years.

Men's Half-Tweed Suits.

There certainly is no suit of clothes made to sell at a low price that can touch a good Half-tweed suit. When we say good, that is what we mean. The Oak Hall, Belleville, have a complete line in different colors, for only \$8. Our suits are genuine all wool, and will wear like leather.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

The following corps will form the volunteer militia camp at Belleville on June 7th—3rd Dragoons, 40th, 46th and 49th Battalions.

Rev. W. D. P. Wilson, LL.B., went to Brighton on Wednesday to attend the District Lodge of the C. O. O. F. as representative from Stirling Lodge.

There will be service in St. John's Church, Stirling, at 11 a.m., and 7 p.m., and at St. Thomas' Church, Rawdon, at 3 p.m., on Sunday next, May 22nd.

The farmers are jubilant over the excellent prospects for good crops this year. The weather has been thus far most favorable, and all unite in stating that the country never looked so well at this time of year.

"Kit," well known to readers of the Mail and Empire, has been commissioned to represent that paper at the headquarters of the United States army, and has been granted a pass by the Secretary of War, giving permission to accompany the troops. She is the only lady correspondent who has been granted this privilege. No doubt her letters will be interesting.

Mr. Garabed der Hacopian, an Armenian, lectured in the Methodist Church last night to a fair audience, notwithstanding the unpleasantness of the early part of the evening. The views were mostly the same as those shown in the Presbyterian Church on May 9th, but they were clearer. The address was very interesting, the terrible persecutions the Armenians suffered and the need of the orphans being responded to by a liberal collection. Excellent music was furnished during the evening by local talent.

There was a large turnout of members of the C. O. O. F. for service at the Methodist Church on Sunday last. Besides a full representation of Stirling lodge there were numbers present from Springbrook, Marmora, Madoc and Trenton lodges. The march to and from the Church was headed by the Stirling Band. The Church was crowded, and an excellent discourse was preached by Rev. W. J. Sanders, of Belleville. The choir rendered good music for the occasion.

Last Friday afternoon at Wellman's a friendly match was shot off between a team of eight from the Forest and Streams Club of Stirling and the same number from Wellman's Jubilee Gun Club. The result was a victory for the latter, with the score as follows:

STIRLING.	WELLMAN'S.
Chas. Boldrick, 14	Burt Nix, 18
J. Shaw, 5	Fred Anderson, 10
Chas. Parker, 9	T. Wootton, 15
C. Mitchell, 4	Geo. Anderson, 20
Wm. Parker, 11	B. O. Lott, 19
Dr. Zwick, 7	W. Anderson, 19
F. Ferguson, 15	G. E. Mack, 16
H. Boldrick, 4	D. Wootton, 11
Total, 70	Total, 127

Home Work.

School Inspector Deacon, of Halton, told the county council a few days ago that he believed that to require children to puzzle their brains at night over arithmetic or other problems was dangerous. It was likely to make them sleepless and to affect their health. He decidedly disapproved of it. The children who suffered were the brightest and most ambitious. It was possible that the reading at home of history and similar subjects would do no harm; but it was doubtful whether anything was gained by home work of any kind. At Georgetown, for instance, the school board, a year or two ago, forbade it. The result of the change of system was a slight falling off in the standing of the school for the first six months or so; but after the pupils had become used to it the school quickly regained all it had lost, and latterly its position has been fully up to the average.—Ex.

A May Wedding.

We take the following from the Lindsay Post of May 6th: "At 5 o'clock yesterday morning Cambridge St. Methodist Church was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding, when Miss Julia M. S. Howard, of Cobourg, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Vincent D. Howard, Methodist minister, was united in marriage to Mr. Robert Smyth, first deputy-reeve and ex-mayor of Lindsay. The wedding took place in the presence of a few invited guests, Rev. Thos. Manning, B. A., officiating. The bride was attired in a travelling suit of electric blue, and looked very charming. After receiving many congratulations the happy party adjourned to the residence of Mrs. Koyl, Bond St., where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Smyth left on the morning train for a honeymoon trip to Peterboro, Port Hope and Cobourg. They intend taking up their residence in the rooms over the Victoria Loan and Savings Co. office. The Post joins with its many readers in wishing the happy couple a long and prosperous married life."

STIRLING CASH STORE

We have only a few days more before the Queen's Birthday. There are many things you need before then if you intend taking a holiday.

See if you find anything you need in the following lines:

New Blouses.

Pretty stripes and figured, collar and cuffs attached, fast colors. 50c.

Black Satteen, plain and colored figured. 90c.

Shot Crash, greens and browns, white collars and cuffs. \$1.00

Pretty plaids and stripes, white collars, or of same material. 1.00

Big assortment of New Gloves, Black and colors, all prices.

SPECIAL.

Fast Black, Silk Taffeta. 25c.

Ladies' and Children's Mitts, Black and Colored, all prices.

New Belts, Gold and Silver, newest out. 50c. and 60c.

Plain Black Elastic Belts, fancy buckles. 30c.

SPECIAL.

32-inch Print, linen finish, pretty patterns, fast colors, worth 10c., for. 7c.

Just opened another case of Ready-to-Wear Clothing.

Sack Coats, Black Venetian, solid all-wool, bound, striped ed Pants, suit. \$10.00

Skirt Coat, solid, Black Venetian, unbound, striped pants. 10.00

Skirt Coat, solid, Black Venetian, bound, Striped Pants, beautifully made. 12.50

SPECIAL.

Solid all-wool Tweed Skirt Coat, per suit. 8.50

Just received another lot of our special Men's Fedora Hats. 1.25

Sweaters, green and blue, with large turndown collar. 1.25

Sweaters, with ordinary collar, 80c., \$1.00, \$1.10

Bicycle Hose, with or without feet. 50c.

Ask to see our New Shirts. Newest out.

T. G. CLUTE.

Corn. Corn.

We have just received a car load of Mammoth Southern Sweet Corn. Parties requiring Corn will do well to come to us.

FLOUR.

We have a good Family Flour for \$2.75 per 100 lbs. If it is not same as represented your money will be refunded.

Crockery.

A large assortment at low prices.

Salt.

We keep a good supply of Salt. Also, Millet and Chopped Feed in stock.

Wanted.—Potatoes, Buck-wheat, Butter and Eggs.

CASH FOR EGGS.

S. HOLDEN.

THE STIRLING STEAM LAUNDRY.

The undersigned will be ready for business Monday, the 22nd of May, when he will do all kinds of Washing and Fine Laundry Work at prices that will compete with other places. Any person trusting me with their work will be fully satisfied in the Province of Ontario. Front Street, opposite T. H. McKee's Harness Shop.

WM. MONTGOMERY.

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1898.

The War News.

The Spanish-American war is dragging slowly along. The only event of importance during the past week has been the bombardment of the town of San Juan, on the island of Porto Rico, by Admiral Sampson's fleet. He claims to have demolished the batteries and caused great damage to the place. The Spanish accounts give a contrary report. Several efforts have been made to land men and supplies for the insurgents on the island of Cuba, but these attempts have been repelled by the Spanish forces and have not met with success.

The Spanish fleet has not yet been encountered by the United States fleet, though it has been reported at several places—first at the French island of Martinique, and afterwards at the Dutch island of Curacao, off the coast of Venezuela. The U. S. flying squadron which has been sent in pursuit of the Spanish fleet, so that there are now two United States fleets in search of the elusive Spaniards, the one under Admiral Sampson, the other under Admiral Schley. The report of a naval battle may be looked for at any time.

The United States Government has decided to send a strong force to the Philippines to follow up Admiral Dewey's victory. The Spanish Government is also reported to be preparing to send a large force there with a fleet of war vessels. Should such be true there will be lively times at those far distant isles of the Pacific.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The latest news from Mr. Gladstone reports that he is dying, and cannot survive many hours.

If the price of wheat holds until next autumn, we shall have to build a poorhouse for the noble army of money-lenders.

It is comforting to reflect that, despite the glare and horror of war, the gold output from the mines of Canada continues to increase.

The able editor of the Toronto World who describes a green lawn spangled with dandelions as "an eyesore" should take a course of lessons from the art critic.

With Italian taxes at 43 per cent on land rents, 34 per cent on house rents, and 183 on all yearly incomes over \$120, the only wonder is that revolution has not broken out long ago.

While certain American gentlemen are donating their millions for torpedo boats and batteries of artillery, some modest Canadian Croesus might win more enduring fame by subsidizing Prof. Kingsford's History of Canada. Such an act would be just as patriotic and it would certainly come cheaper.

Honorable gentlemen who are urging Great Britain to declare a preferential duty in favor of Canadian food stuffs, might take a day off occasionally and urge the C.P.R. to reduce its freight rates on Western Canada's cereals. They would thus vary their labors, and be quite as likely to succeed.

The plaintive cry of the Governor-General's Foot Guards that they have "nothing to wear" on May 24th, suggests the idea that more attention to shooting straight, and less to uniform, would make better soldiers of them. The Cubans have nothing to wear, but when it came to a tussle with the gorgeous troops of Spain, gold lace was at a discount. It isn't the epaulettes that make the hero.

The reluctance among Americans to volunteer for the war must not be attributed to cowardice, for the Yankees are without doubt among the very best fighters in the world. It is one thing, however, to fight for the defence of one's country and another to face starvation, malaria and yellow-fever in the swamps and jungles of Cuba for the glory and profit of the politicians and the Yellow Kid newspapers. If President McKinley could force a conscription on the halls of Congress, and among the editors, reporters and proprietors of the "New Journalism," he would rid the country of the most pestilent section of its population.

Lord Aberdeen has sent in his resignation as Governor-General of Canada, and it has been accepted by the home authorities. In a letter to the Premier he gives as the reason for taking this step "private and family claims and interests." It is not likely that he will leave Canada before October or November next. The usual term of office would have allowed him to fill the position for another year, and there will be general regret at his departure. Canada has been fortunate in having many eminent men sent to preside over the affairs of the country, but we believe none have been more popular than their Excellencies Lord and Lady Aberdeen, who have

ruled in this country all the virtues which distinguish the Queen. In their religious, domestic, social and public life they have been leaders along the path in this country similar to that which has been trod by the Queen in Great Britain. They have been successful in making themselves the religious influence, their benevolent motives, their broad, simple, social ideas felt throughout all sections of the people. It is probable that the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen are personally known and personally esteemed by hundreds of thousands of Canadians instead of by the thousands with whom other governors have come in contact in a memorable way.

Debt in the Civil Service.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has declared that the immunity from garnishee proceedings which civil servants now enjoy should be abolished; and this opinion will be echoed by every honest man in the Dominion. The civil service has for too long afforded sanctuary to a minority of deadbeats, who have been a detriment to honest colleagues. It is their more honorable colleagues who are to be hoped that Sir Wilfrid's admirable ideas on this point will soon be embodied in an effective law. At present several honorable gentlemen at Ottawa are disgraced as to the precise terms of the statute, and it has consequently been abandoned for a time. Surely, however, there should be little ground for such a division, and we respectfully suggest the following form upon which all sides might unite. To wit:

"Be it enacted that all special privileges and immunities now enjoyed by government employees, in the matter of action for debt, be and are hereby abolished."

It will not require a lawyer to understand that; but on the other hand no lawyer could misunderstand it.

Happiness and Contentment.

If we could only recognize our true wants, perceiving what is really advantageous, we should avoid much heart-burnings, and many useless strainings. Happiness and peace of mind come only with content, and how little is needed to satisfy actual requirements! A well-ordered home; good, plain food; intelligent surroundings; simple recreations, and a modest demeanor would carry all through life with domestic happiness and public esteem.

But we are not content with these solid and permanent blessings. Our dress must be more expensive, our servants more numerous, our equipages more striking, our houses larger, and our furniture more costly, than those of our neighbors. With the humbler in circumstances it is the same. All are toiling for that which profiteth them not. Husbands and wives see little of each other. Parents and children are often barely acquainted, and frequently, although in the same house, do not meet from week's end to week's end. Either the struggle to live or the promptings of ambitious vanity keep the fathers working from early till late. Thus their lives pass away unrelieved by the true joys of existence, and unswayed by necessary leisure. Well may such say, in the words of the wisdom of Solomon:

"What hath pride profited us? Or what good hath riches with our vanishing brought us? All these things are passed away like a shadow, and as a post that passeth by; and as a ship that passeth over the waves of the water, which when it is gone by, the track thereof cannot be found, neither the pathway of the keel in the waves."

Only a Little Thing.

Only a stray sunbeam? Yet it cheered a wretched abode—gladdened a stricken heart.

Only a gentle breeze? It fanned aching brows, greeted many hearts by its gentle touch.

Only a frown? But it left a sad void in the child's heart—quivering lips and tearful eyes.

Only a smile? But how it cheered the broken heart, engendered hope, and cast a halo of light around that sick bed.

Only a word of encouragement, a single word? It gave the drooping spirit new life and led to victory.

Always remember that a kind word can make not only human, but all dumb creatures happy.

The June Number of THE DELINEATOR is called the Early Summer Number. It has three full-page illustrations of Sportive Costumes, and is exceptionally strong in every department. The College Tales in May appear to have struck a popular note, the local color adding to the natural interest in the development of the stories. This month there are three excellent sketches in the Life at Wellesley. A realist of negro humor is to be found in the story of De Big Singin', by Jesse Beane Winston. Dr. Murray's article on Billows is sensible, practical and authoritative. A page on Girls' Interests and Occupations, by Lafayette McLaws, will be found suggestive for club work. The other departments are all well supplied. Delineator Publishing Company, of Toronto, Limited. Subscription price of the Delineator \$1 a year, single copies 15c.

Look at our Bicycle Suits.

You men who ride a wheel and have any taste for a bicycle suit, please take a look at Oak Hall's stock. We have everything new and up-to-date and our prices are the lowest in the market for good goods. We will be pleased to show you the stock whether you wish to buy or not.

Halloway.

Our village and community has been thrown into sorrow and mourning by the sudden death of the late Mrs. John Bass, one of the most respected residents. On the 27th ult., Mrs. Bass was stricken down with paralysis. A few hours later she lost all consciousness, and continued to sink until Thursday morning the 28th ult., when she passed peacefully to the spirit world.

The deceased lady was born in the County of Grenville in the year 1830, was united in marriage with Mr. John Bass in 1850, and after a stay of seven years in Grenville Co., they removed to the County of Hastings, where they have continued to reside.

Mrs. Bass was a devoted wife, an affectionate mother, and a kind neighbor. By her sweet Christian spirit she won the affection and confidence of all who knew her. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and with the warmest zeal and truest integrity stood by all its interests.

In her home most conspicuously did she exemplify the principles of true womanhood.

The funeral service, which was largely attended, was conducted by Rev. A. L. Adam, a former pastor, who preached an appropriate sermon from 1 Peter, ii, 7.

Revs. R. Duke, J. R. Bonner and R. L. Edwards took part in the service, each bearing testimony to the high Christian character and sterling worth of the deceased.

The bereaved husband and family have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

Chatterton Chips.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Fall grain and meadows are looking extra well at present and in fact all vegetation is well advanced for the time of year.

Jas. A. Bird is moving his barn this week and intends putting concrete walls under it.

Mrs. Chas. Vandervort is quite ill. Mr. Boardman is getting so he can walk again pretty well.

Thomas Hoard has gone to make his fortune in the Queen's city and reports good prospects. We wish him success. Wheels galore; there is hardly a house in the neighborhood but what can boast of one or more bicycles.

R. V. W.

Wellman's Corners.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowne, of Frankford, spent Sunday with friends in Hawdon.

Mr. Arthur Smith, of Sidney, spent Sunday last with Mr. A. Hogle.

Mr. J. Irwin, of Campbellford, spent Sunday last with Mr. A. Hogle.

Mrs. Jos. Hogle is said to be improving slowly.

Miss Trickle, who has for the past few years held the position of clerk in the post office and general store, has resigned. She started for home on Saturday last. Miss Smith, formerly of Peterboro, will occupy the position.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hurst, spent Sunday with friends near Frankford.

Miss Montgomery, of Stirling, is visiting her brother James, Rawdon Station.

Foxboro Notes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

The Ladies Aid Society of Foxboro South Church intend having an ice-cream social on the evening of May 24th. Cake and ice-cream will be served after which the program will be furnished by the pupils of Miss Lily Foster.

Mr. Alex. Longwell has returned home from attending Queens University Kingston.

Miss Minnie Loyd, of Belleville, was the guest of Miss Lily Foster last Saturday.

On V. C. T. U. will hold a public meeting May 30th in the South Church.

A number of citizens of our town are improving the looks of their property by giving their houses an application of paint.

Miss Lottie Ashley is again able to be out after being confined to the house several weeks on account of scarlet fever.

Brotherly Love.

TO DEAR SIR GREEN.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—We, the Committee of Loyal Workers Lodge No. 106, C. O. E., take this opportunity of expressing to you our heartfelt sympathy in this, the hour of your bereavement, in the loss of your beloved and revered father. While our sympathy is extended to you and yours, we know little compared with the Great Sympathizer. He it was that was your father's comfort in all his loneliness and sorrow. He also was guide and comfort in old age, even when crossing the river to the other shore. We trust you will receive from that source consolation that which will keep you until the time comes for you to join your beloved father where parting is no more.

JOHN HOLSEY, } Committee.
GEO. O. TICE, }
Stirling, May 10th, 1898.

TO GEORGE H. CONLEY.
DEAR SIR AND BRO.—We, the undersigned committee on condolence appointed by Loyal Workers Lodge No. 106, C. O. E., take this opportunity of expressing to you our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your son, and in the loss of your daughter. But while we may wish to assure you of our sympathy, we realize how inadequate words are to convey that comfort which only our Heavenly Father can give. He has promised to bind up the broken-hearted, and to comfort them that mourn. We trust that when this life closes with you and yours, you may all meet where partings never come, and where the word "good-bye" is never heard.
JOHN HOLSEY, } Committee.
GEO. O. TICE, }
Stirling, May 14, 1898.

Pictou High School was considerably damaged by fire on Saturday evening last.

Boys' House Suits.

Now is the time to be looking after the little boys' house suits. Oak Hall has a very pretty new line of things that are up-to-date. Prices \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 the suit. Separate boys are not going to be worn this season. Everything nice comes in suits.

School Board Meeting.

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Education, held May 5th.

Members present—W. G. Clute, Chairman; A. Chard, J. Boldrick, J. Donk, Dr. Sprague, O. Vandervoort, and F. T. Ward.

The following accounts were on motion ordered to be paid:

W. P. Chard, ten days' work at Public School (one), \$10.00
Oakley Vandervoort, posts for Public School (one), \$3.00

Moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Vandervoort, that Geo. E. Kennedy be the Examiner at the approaching Entrance Examination. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Boldrick, seconded by Mr. Chard, that a quorum of the Finance Committee in conjunction with the Property Committee be empowered to pass account for the material for the new fence at Public School. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Boldrick, seconded by Mr. Ward, that Mr. Carstairs be authorized to engage a man to work on the High School grounds on Arbor Day. Carried.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN S. BLACK, Secretary.

A mica mine has been opened at Deep Lake, North Hastings.

Don Godfrey's famous band will be at Belleville on the 26th of May.

British and American papers, including The New York Sun, warmly endorse the proposed Anglo-Saxon alliance. France and Spain resent it.

Miss Margaret Smith, a Middlesex school teacher, was fined \$5 and costs, \$8.38 in all, or twenty days in jail for hitting a pupil on the head with a hard maple ruler.

The Kingston Board of Education has adopted progressive ideas in regard to cheap school books. Each pupil will be supplied with an outfit of books at a small yearly fee.

In the burning of Le Metairie auxiliary of the General Hospital at St. Hyacinthe, Que., six persons are known to have perished, four are missing and several badly injured.

Dr. Chauncey Depew, speaking in New York, said that only Great Britain and the English people prevented the concert of Europe driving the Americans out of the Philippines or forcing war upon them. He added—The two great English-speaking countries standing shoulder to shoulder is the most inspiring and magnificent spectacle of the century.

A Snap in Men's Socks.

When the Oak Hall bought Gough's stock last fall, a lot of fine socks were put away as it was out of season for them. The lot is composed of all kinds of fancy stripes, prices run 25 to 50c. per pair. You may take your pick, 2 pairs for 50c.

St. John's Church, Stirling.

The members of the congregation of St. John's Church, Stirling, are requested to attend a meeting at the Church on Friday evening, May 20th inst., at 7:30 o'clock. As matters of the most urgent importance to the Parish will be considered, we would like every member of the congregation to be present.

J. EARL HALLIWELL, } Churchwardens.
JOHN GORDON, }
GEO. E. CRYER, Clerk.

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AUSTIN HUBBLE, }
Foxboro, Ont.

Court of Revision.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Court of Revision of the Municipality of the

TOWNSHIP OF RAWDON will be held at the Town Hall, Rawdon, on

Monday, the 30th Day of May, 1898, at 10 o'clock, a.m., for the purpose of hearing and determining all complaints against the assessment for the current year. All parties desiring to be heard are requested to appear accordingly.

SPRINGBROOK, May 18, 1898. T. P. Clerk.

COURT OF REVISION.

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J. S. BLACK, Clerk.
Stirling, May 11th, 1898.

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WANTED—Young men and women, or older ones if still young in spirit, of undoubted character, good talkers, no business or industrial connections, to be employed in a good cause, with our full and complete training, for \$8 a month and upwards according to ability.

REV. T. B. LINGGOTT, TORONTO.

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The best is not too good when you want a covering for your floor. There is one maker of Carpets that stands out pre-eminently above all others, and that maker is CROSSLEY. They are recognized as leaders in the Carpet business all over the world. Then the best of it is their Carpets do not cost you any more than inferior makes. Why not have the best? We are Crossley's agents for this district, and are showing a large range of their latest 1898 patterns.

ABOUT CURTAINS.

We have lately received from the best Lace Curtain Makers in England a large range in White and Cream at specially low prices. Splendid values at 25c., 38c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 up to \$5.00 a pair.

We make a specialty of Carpets, Curtains, Window Shades, and all kinds of House Furnishings.

GEO. RITCHIE & CO., BELLEVILLE.

CROCKERY.

I desire to specially call your attention to my lines of Crockery. I have just added a large quantity to my stock, and am now able to show you a complete range, that will be sure to appeal to your judgment when buying. My prices are right.

Don't forget my store when you want Choice, Good, Groceries. My stock is fresh and up-to-date, and you need not want for the best when you can get it here.

I make all kinds of Cakes to order. Fresh Bread always.

FISH and WINDSOR SALT always kept in stock.

JOHN SHAW.

A TRIP TO THE OLD COUNTRY

Is no doubt contemplated by many at this beautiful season of the year. To such I should like to say, I represent, among others, the following steamship lines:

Allan, American, White Star, Dominion, Beaver, Cunard, Anchor.

To secure a good berth apply early. At any rate come and talk it over with me, and I will show you latest lists and plans.

S. BURROWS, General Ticket and Insurance Agent, Belleville.

TO BOOT AND SHOE PURCHASERS.

! [Possibly there are some readers of the "News-Argus" that are not aware that we have a regular Boot & Shoe Department. To these, as well as to our many customers who have been availing themselves of the Bargains to be found in this Department, we wish to announce

A SPECIAL SALE FOR THE NEXT 15 DAYS

Men's, Wos. and Children's Boots, Shoes & Rubbers at sweeping reductions. Mr. Alex. McDonnell, formerly of Stirling, will be happy to meet his many friends in this department.

J. PATERSON, SYNDICATE STORE, BELLEVILLE.

Evergreen Corn

Is very scarce, and when our present stock is exhausted, will not be able to replace it. We offer

Stowell's, Old Hickory, and Old Colony at 5cts. per lb. subject to being unsold.

When buying your Root Seeds try some of the celebrated Danish Sugar Beet—

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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and all Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Guelph's rate of taxation is 24 mills. The Stikine River is open for navigation. Herlitz's tax has been struck at 17.54 mills.

The Northwest elections will be held next October.

Over 5000 immigrants arrived at Winnipeg last month.

A submarine cable is to be laid between Vancouver and Dyak.

Western miners are asking for an increased duty on lead imports.

The Hamilton Gas Company has increased its discount to 30 per cent.

Hamilton citizens have given seventy plots of land for use as potato patches.

The London City Council fixed the rate of taxation for 1898 at 21.12 mills on the dollar.

A. T. Brydges, a Hamilton Klondiker, who left about a year ago, has returned, poorer by \$600.

Corporal McNair of the Northwest Mounted Police jubilee contingent committed suicide at Whitehorse.

Five Spaniards, cigar-makers, have arrived in Hamilton, Ont., from New York, and will live there.

It is rumored at Kingston that Mr. George H. Herbert, M.P., will purchase the locomotive works there.

The entire town of Northport, British Columbia, was wiped out by fire, but the La Reine smelter escaped.

Andrew P. Scott, former cashier of the insolvent Farmers' Savings & Loan Company, has returned to Toronto.

Hamilton temperance people are organizing on the assumption that the province will be taken in September.

The navigation season has opened at Montreal with a rush. The receipts of grain were the largest on record.

Last month the C.P.R. sold \$145 acres of land for \$140,775, or four times as much as was sold in April, 1897.

Hon. Sidney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, will visit Great Britain this year and may attend the Paris Exposition.

Mrs. Shortle has arrived at Montreal from Ireland. She will visit her son at St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary.

Mrs. May of Ashburnham got her foot caught between a plank and a rail at Peterboro' and was killed by a C.P.R. express.

The celebrated La Reine mine has passed into the hands of a British syndicate. Three million dollars was the consideration.

The influx of Americans to Toronto to escape the inconvenience occasioned by the Spanish-American war, promises to be large.

The members of the Canadian Marine Association have given up all hopes of having the canal opened for shipping this season.

Mrs. D'Alton McCarthy, Q. C., M. P., was thrown from his dogcart Sunday night and received injuries which cause grave apprehensions.

Mrs. Patrick Donovan, on trial at Woodstock, N. B., on a charge of murdering her sister, Minnie Tucker, has been found not guilty.

A rumor is current to the effect that all Grand Trunk employees over 50 years of age engaged in the shops are to be discharged.

H. M. S. ship Policeman, which arrived at Halifax on Saturday, is to be fitted out for the Newfoundland clearing house protection service.

Clearances in the Winnipeg clearing house during April aggregated \$650,000, compared with \$4,162,000 for the corresponding month of 1897.

The jury in the Sternman murder trial first reported a disagreement, but afterwards returned a verdict of "not guilty." The prisoner was then set at liberty.

The Wabash Railway people intend putting a good service on the South end Grand Trunk line between Detroit and Buffalo. There will be four trains daily each way.

Convict McGuire, of Colburn serving a life sentence in Kingston penitentiary for attempted murder, has completed a large oil painting of Christ's ascension.

Preparations are being made for the enlargement of the Provincial Parliamentary library at Toronto, to admit the books which have been purchased from Sir Oliver Mowat.

Cyrus Seymour, who has served three terms in penitentiary for horse stealing and bigamy, has been arrested at Kingston with a stolen horse and carriage in his possession.

On Friday the steamer W. R. Lynn brought 232,000 bushels of corn to Owen Sound harbor. This is thought to be the largest cargo of corn ever floated in fresh water.

An extensive snowdrift occurred on the line of the C. P. R., near Glacier House and broke through 200 feet of snowdrift. Luckily the evening train had passed. There will be no interruption of traffic.

Mr. C. Ross, president of the Ottawa Board of Trade has accepted an invitation to the meeting of the British Association in September next on the occasion of the Calcutta memorial celebration at Bristol, Eng.

The Humane Society has awarded the parchment of the society to John Meyer, the colored porter, who braved escaping slaves and live coal to rescue English Hutchinson and Fireman Clark from the G.T.R. wreck at Burlington.

UNITED STATES.

The price of beef has been advanced at Chicago to \$5 a barrel.

John Yore, father-in-law of Michael Davitt, the Irish agitator is dead at St. George, Mich.

The claim is made that the American

SANK WHILE FIGHTING.

SPANISH SAILORS NAILED THEIR COLORS TO THE MAST.

Story of the Manila Battle—While no American ship was killed and only six injured the Spanish Losses Were Very Heavy.

A despatch from Hong Kong says:—

Among naval men, military and civilians, the Spanish lives, here today there is one subject of discussion, the annihilating victory of the American fleet under Commodore Dewey over the Spanish fleet commanded by Admiral Montijo, in Manila bay on Sunday last. Owing to the fact that the cable between this port and the Philippines was not in working order, having been cut, it is said, some distance from the capital of the islands, there has been delay in obtaining a detailed account of the battle, and facts in the case were only available when the United States gunboat Hugh C. Culloch arrived here yesterday.

One hundred and thirty-five passes, giving permission for correspondents of newspapers to accompany the army, have been sent to Washington.

Mildred Brewster, on trial at Montpelier, Vt., for the murder of Anna Wheeler, of whom she was jealous of, is acquitted on the ground of insanity.

Edward Green, who is really Barton Unterrecher, has confessed to the immigration agent of the M. P. N. Y. to have stolen 67,000 florins from his aunt.

The Cramp Shipbuilding Company of Philadelphia has received an order for the construction of two important vessels, one a battleship and the other a protected cruiser.

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SANK WHILE FIGHTING.

SPANISH SAILORS NAILED THEIR COLORS TO THE MAST.

Story of the Manila Battle—While no American ship was killed and only six injured the Spanish Losses Were Very Heavy.

A despatch from Hong Kong says:—

Among naval men, military and civilians, the Spanish lives, here today there is one subject of discussion, the annihilating victory of the American fleet under Commodore Dewey over the Spanish fleet commanded by Admiral Montijo, in Manila bay on Sunday last. Owing to the fact that the cable between this port and the Philippines was not in working order, having been cut, it is said, some distance from the capital of the islands, there has been delay in obtaining a detailed account of the battle, and facts in the case were only available when the United States gunboat Hugh C. Culloch arrived here yesterday.

One hundred and thirty-five passes, giving permission for correspondents of newspapers to accompany the army, have been sent to Washington.

Mildred Brewster, on trial at Montpelier, Vt., for the murder of Anna Wheeler, of whom she was jealous of, is acquitted on the ground of insanity.

Edward Green, who is really Barton Unterrecher, has confessed to the immigration agent of the M. P. N. Y. to have stolen 67,000 florins from his aunt.

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A CHEAP MEDICINE.

IS ONE THAT WILL PROMPTLY AND EFFECTIVELY CURE.

Mr. John Hitch, of Ridgeway, Tells How He Had Spent Dollars Upon Doctors In Pain Before Finding the Medicine That Cured Him.

From the Standard, Ridgeway.

People who read from week to week of the marvelous cures effected by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, will be glad to learn that many who have been relieved from pain and suffering by the use of these wonderful little pills after having suffered untold agonies for months.

Mr. John Hitch, a man well and favorably known throughout the country, was ever ready when opportunity offered to speak a word in praise of these pills and was never tired of recommending them to his friends.

Representative of the standard, anxious to know of the cause of Mr. Hitch's recommendation called upon him at his home recently and upon telling that gentleman the object of his visit Mr. Hitch consented to an interview. The story in his own words is as follows:

"In the winter of 1891 I was taken with a severe attack of la grippe, from which I was confined to the house for some time. This was followed by severe pains and swellings of my lower limbs. I consulted a physician and he told me it was acute rheumatism. I continued under his care for about two months. I was unable to stand alone, but sometimes when I got started I was able to make a few steps unaided. The trouble was principally in my feet and clung to me all summer long. I tried many ways of relieving my friends suggested, hoping to gain relief, but neither medicine taken inwardly nor rubments applied outwardly gave me any relief. The pain was very great, and I was only too ready to try anything suggested. I spent dollar upon dollars in doctor's medicine, but all to no purpose. The last week I was attended by a physician. It cost me five dollars. He told me, however, that the trouble was in the muscles of the work accomplished by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I concluded it was certainly worth the experiment and accordingly purchased a box from a local druggist and commenced their use, discontinuing the doctor's medicine. This was in June or July, 1892. After I had taken the first box of the pills I could feel some change and after taking seven boxes noticed a great improvement. I continued taking them until I had used thirteen boxes when I must say I felt as well as I ever did in my life. Some of my customers who came into my yard would ask me what I was doing that I was looking so well. Knowing the sick spell I had undergone, and I would tell them that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills had wrought the change. They are the cheapest medicine I ever bought," said Mr. Hitch, "and if I had not spent on other medicines I could sit at ease this winter. During the interview Mrs. Hitch said she had been in the room and she heartily concurred in what her husband said, and stated that for one other member of the family the pills were of great service. Success in a case of severe nervousness. Mr. Hitch at the time he was seen by the reporter appeared in excellent health. He is 55 years of age and a man who had always been used to hard work. He was born in Cambridge, England, and came to this country 27 years ago. Before long he was in Ridgeway he conducted a brick and the yard at Longwood's Road, Middlesex county. He has since been engaged in a successful business in Ridgeway for the past ten years.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure by going to the root of the trouble. They renew and build up the blood, and strengthen the nerves, thus driving disease from the system. Avoid imitations by insisting that you purchase is enclosed in a wrapper bearing the full trade mark. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. If your dealer does not keep them, they will be sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A BRITISH SOLDIER'S MISTAKE.

Mistook the Coils of a Serpent for a Post of Water.

The moon has a curious trick of changing objects into something quite unlike themselves in appearance. In one instance such a transformation nearly cost the life of a British soldier. He thus relates the incident:

My company had been ordered into the Deshur district to break up the dacoits, who had become very troublesome. We arrived there in the night, stormed a band of the robbers by moonlight, killed or captured a round dozen of them, and chased the rest into the jungle.

Some of us followed on foot among the reeds and bushes, but soon got tired of this useless business, and were quite willing to stop and turn back at the sound of the receding dacoits. A steward, a native, and a good one, was by my side. My canteen had been emptied on the march, and I was parched with thirst. The steward followed me with the first of the bushes, glistening something on the ground, like water, caught my eye.

"It's a stagnant pool left by the rains, but it will serve to wet my throat," I said, and was for throwing myself on the ground to drink; but the steward pulled me back.

"Nay, sahib, stay! Lead me your sword for a moment," he said.

He took the sword, and lightly stirred the pool with its point. From the middle of the pool a cobra's hooded head arose, and there came the sound of its hateful hiss. With a sweep of the sword the steward cut the reptile's head off, and at once what had seemed to be a water-pool became the winding coils of a serpent that had been fully six feet in length.

"That was your error," said the steward gravely said. "It was well that you paused before attempting to drink from it."

Up to date—Did you hear old Long-bow's latest story? Nope. Says he saw a hoop snake with a rubber tire.

ON BOARD H. M. S. FURY.

SOMETHING ABOUT A TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER.

A Short Description of a Run on our Torpedo Boat Destroyer, the H. M. S. Fury, with Scarcely Any Vibration.

On inquiry at the Chatham dock gates as to whether H. M. S. Fury was in the port, I had the good luck to be told, "Yes, sir; you will find her down at the South Lock. It's rather a long way, sir, and she's going out this forenoon," says a writer in Chambers' Journal.

Within half an hour, and after some uneasy experiences over dockyard cobbles, I came within sight of the Fury. She certainly was not pretty; but her great length and narrow beam gave me the impression that her speed must be very great; while her sloping forecastle, the 12-pounder gun on top of the fore bridge, her other guns distributed about the deck, her torpedo tubes, and, above all, her three large funnels, filled me with the idea that she had power in her to strike, if need be, and that she would be a formidable, or at least dangerous, implement in the hands of daring officers and well-trained men.

Passing the big after-tunnel, I came on an open space and a couple of blue-jackets, who were splicing a wire rope, volunteered the information that this was where the foremost torpedo tube would be placed when the ship was used solely as a torpedo boat. Here I was joined by the "sub," who apologized for his sudden ascent from the wardroom, and offered to show me round the rest of the ship as the Captain could not yet leave the bridge for any time.

"How many men are there on board?" said I.

"Oh, our complement is fifty-two all told; but about thirty of these are stokers for training in the working of water-tube boilers, and they are changed every month. This is their mess deck. The magazine and shellroom for the 12-pounders are under here also."

"There's not much room for thirty, is there?" hazarded I, drawing a bow at a venture, as I felt I should say something.

"Well, no, there's not very much," he said.

"Do you know what this is?" he said, to change the subject. "It is a collapsible boat. We have two, one on each side, you see. They are hoisted out by that derrick on the mast, and if we had to abandon ship they would take seventeen men each, and provisions for them as well."

"You see the deck is covered with a kind of inlaid tile, is it not?" he said, as he pointed to a small square of ship's deck.

"That's about nineteen and a half feet, and she draws about six feet here. This is the conning tower, with our half-inch of armor on it. Isn't it a lot? We can steer from here and in bad weather we have the conning tower washed away on the bridge."

I looked inside. There was just room for two people to stand up inside, and it was fitted with a compass, steering wheel, telegraph to the engine room, and voice pipes to the torpedo tubes and various other parts of the ship.

"You say this is only half an inch thick?" I queried. "How thick then, is the ship's side?"

"Oh," said he laughing, "about an eighth of an inch," and before I could quite grasp how much an eighth of an inch of steel really is in thickness he had disappeared down a ladder at my feet.

"Come down here," he said, looking up and smiling at my evident blank dismay at this last piece of information. "This is the mess room for the blue-jackets—under the turtle-backed forecastle, you see."

One long table ran in the centre, and two rows of lockers ran along the ship's side. A few men were down here, one stitching canvas, another mending his clothes, one reading a book another writing a letter, and one stretched right forward fast asleep, utterly oblivious of everything going on.

"About twenty men live down here," said the "sub." "These are their hammocks, and that is the captain engine."

He pointed above his head as he spoke.

"More storerooms under our feet," he continued. "We keep the explosive warheads for the torpedoes down below here. We have two eighteen-inch torpedoes carried, without the heads, in the tubes themselves. Now, let us go up on the fore bridge."

I followed the "sub" to the fore bridge, and he continued, "We have increased speed, and now we were well out of the Medway and gliding along through the water so smoothly that I could hardly believe the statement that our speed was over twenty-four miles an hour. Slipping through the water with no vibration at all."

At the public library.

Why don't you want this book, little boy?

It's too new-looking! Misus I want one of them worn-out dirty books—these that's old—way 'cause folks like to read 'em.

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all, the only indications of speed were the ripples on the water flying past us and the fountain of spray rising at our bows, straight ahead, sparkling with all the colors of the rainbow by the sun's rays flashed upon it.

"Oh, how like it!" I queried my chum, "Midships steady." Steady, sir," replied the head.

"With I were in your place," said I, "I would have made a new man of me already."

"Oh," replied he laughing, "come out on a cold wet night in January, when a heavy sea is running, and you have to hang on to the rails or the 12-pounder gun, and you're not even allowed to get out of your feet when the sea rises dashing on the turtle-back and washing over the forecastle, when you are sooked to the skin, and clinging on to something, shivering and thinking of the many thousands ashore who are fast asleep, warm, and snugly tucked under the blankets; when the blinding spray and sleet is lashing your face like hail, and in an incessant shower, so that you can hardly open your eyes as you vainly struggle to peer into the darkness to discern the lights of the vessel ahead, and when every thing down below in the wardroom is shaking about as if you were being whirled up so that if you wish to get a piece of meat for supper you have to hold on with one hand while you use your back of a knife and when you can't stand up by yourself you'd soon change your mind."

Walking off, we went down the engine-room ladder.

"I'm sorry we are only going 280 revolutions per minute," says he.

"You should see them going at 850. That's the time."

But even as it is, I wonder mightily to see these two engines with their many bright rods flashing up and down at a speed I can hardly make my hand move at, and the cranks whirling round at the rate of four revolutions per second are able enough to make one pause and wonder when human ingenuity will reach its limit, and speculate on what a terrible smash there would be if anything chanced to go wrong.

Though only sixteen murders of children have been traced certainly to the murderer father and eighteen more were probably his work, it seems that in the three years after his release from the madhouse there were no less than ninety-eight murders and attempts to murder, and that in France where the police were unable to find any clue to the perpetrators.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take three times a day, after meals, all Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

FIRING BROADSIDES.

A Naval Architect Thinks It Would Be Unsafe to Report to Water Ships.

That warship may be captured by the weight of their armor and the record of their own big guns is a claim put forward by F. F. Lane, a British naval architect.

According to Mr. Lane, the American navy is "a collection of war ships designed to tickle the popular imagination." Even the 15,000-ton British Majestic dares not fire all her guns at once for fear of capsizing. Yet the American Indiana, he points out, of 11,000 tons, carries a heavier armament.

The energy developed by the explosion is sufficient to move a 15,000-ton ironclad six feet sideways through the water, provided she were armed as the Majestic.

"It is, of course," says the writer, "extremely probable that no such rash thing as a broadside would be attempted. Then, again, in the case of war, we come to the question of what use are all their guns? If six can only be fired at the same rate as three in a larger ship, what earthly purpose is served by crowding those six into the vessel? They reduce her seaworthiness, they expose men to unnecessary destruction when they give the main danger their full force. In the excitement of battle too many of them chance to be fired simultaneously irreparable damage will be done to the ship that carries them."

BITS OF INFORMATION.

London was the first city to use coal. The game of chess is taught in all the Australian public schools.

Third-class railway fares in India are less than a farthing a mile.

A horse will live twenty-five days without food, merely drinking water.

Before the revolution in France it was customary, when a gentleman was invited to dinner, for him to send his servant with his knife, fork and spoon; or if he had no servant he carried them with him in his breeches pocket.

A Mr. Hous claims to have invented a powder, which, used in the place of concrete will have the effect of making buildings fireproof. It can also be used in the extinguishing of fires, and can even be swallowed without fear of consequences.

The vital statistics for the Society of Friends have been compiled for the denominational year. In 1897 there were 276 deaths from the Society in Great Britain and Ireland. This is a slighter death rate than in the previous year, but is much below the average death rate. A remarkable feature is the large number of deaths at advanced ages. Of the 276 there were not fewer than forty-six between 80 and 90 years of age at death and seven over 90 years, so that nearly one-third of the deaths were of persons over 80 years of age.

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THOMAS PHOSPHATE POWDER

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Say, Mame, said Mame, as she replaced on the marble slab the glass which had previously contained lemon punch.

Who's Don Carlos? Who's the son of a gun? He's the great Spanish pretender. But what's a pretender? A pretender is what people in this country call a bluffer.

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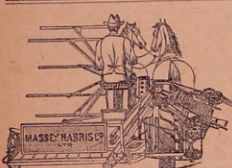
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Men's Coarse Boots for everyday wear. Prices the lowest.

Ladies' Fine Dongola and Gazelle Oxfords from \$1.00 up. See our lines at \$1.00 and \$1.25. Best value.

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See our Ladies' Chocolate Laced Boots and Bicycle Boots.

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PERSONALS.

Miss Rosa Gray is visiting at Dr. Meiklejohn's.

Rev. S. S. Burns arrived home from Ottawa last evening.

Mrs. Geo. H. Brown was visiting friends in Madoc last week.

Mr. H. L. Boldrick arrived home from Toronto on Friday last.

Mr. J. A. Faulkner is home for vacation from McMaster University, Toronto.

Messrs. Will Tulloch and Don R. Milne and Miss Nellie Phillips and Laura Stouffer spent Sunday last in Marmora.

Rev. Mr. Spencer, Rector of St. John's parish, Stirling, arrived yesterday to take charge of his work here. He will reside in the rectory.

Mr. Moses Boardman, who was so severely injured some time ago, is nearly recovered, and spent Sunday last as the guest of Mr. Morden Bird.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Warren and Miss Persley, of Marmora, visited Saturday and Sunday at W. R. Warren's, "The Willows."

Mr. Alex. Rennie, B. A., late of Queen's University, conducted the services in St. Andrew's Church last Sabbath, preaching excellent sermons morning and evening.

Dr. Parker arrived home on Friday last, after an absence of nearly four months, during which time he visited Southern California, and from there to British Columbia, and other parts of the Pacific Province. He also spent a few days in Winnipeg. The Dr. is looking well, and we are pleased to know that his health has been much improved by the trip.

The May "Christian."

In the May "Christian," H. L. Hastings gives a partial record of his doings of late, which shows him to be a man who has not much idle time on his hands. Every Christian should read this Journal which has been referred to by the late great preacher C. H. Spurgeon, as "the best paper that comes to me." It is published by H. L. Hastings, 47 Cornhill, Boston, Mass. Price one dollar a year. There is probably no journal that is more widely quoted from by other papers than The Christian.

Splendid Suits at \$2.

You can get a dandy little suit at the Oak Hall for \$2, single or double breasted, coat and pants well lined. We could get suits to sell at even less than this, but no suit at \$1.50 or \$1.75 can possibly give satisfaction.

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In the local column will be charged as follows:—
"Corner" wanted—Three lines first insertion, 25 cents each insertion; over three lines, 75c. per line. Matter set in larger than ordinary type, 10c. per line.
To Transient Advertisers—10c. per line each insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—
"Corner" west—going east.
Mail, 6:15 a.m. Mail, 2:00 p.m.
Mixed, 6:30 p.m. Mixed, 10:15 a.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1898.

LOCAL MATTERS.

For additional local matter see first page.

Get flags at Parker's.
Boys' Calf Boots, 75c. and 85c. at BROWN & McCUTCHEON'S.
Eggs taken in exchange.

Large numbers of hogs were brought in for shipment on Monday and Tuesday last. The price has advanced lately, and \$1.75 per hundred was paid.

Come quick and secure a pair of those \$1.00 straw hats for 5c. on Saturday only, at ward's.

Rev. G. S. White, D. D., of Nanapanee, will lecture in the Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant, on the Rawdon circuit, on Monday evening, May 20th, at 8 o'clock. Subject "Breakers Ahead." Admission 10 cents. Rev. Mr. Bonner will occupy the chair.

Bicycle Shoes, 75c., \$1.00, \$2.00, at BROWN & McCUTCHEON'S.

We are requested to call the attention of the members of the congregation of St. John's Church, Stirling, to the meeting which is called to be held at the church to-morrow (Friday) evening. Important business will be brought before the meeting.

If you want to see nice Boots and Shoes look at Martin & Reynolds' window.

Decorate your houses and buildings and make the town look gay on the 24th. Go to Parker's for flags of all kinds, Japanese lanterns, &c.

We have prepared a beautiful calendar from the E. B. Eddy Company, of Hull, Canada. It is a calendar up to the end of 1899, and each sheet is handsomely illustrated, giving views of the principal places in the various cities of Canada and Newfoundland.

Lacrosse sticks and balls, croquet sets—very cheap at Parker's.

Mrs. George Reynolds met with a serious accident on Monday evening. While milking the cow got scared at something or other and kicked her over, severely injuring her, and it is thought breaking one or two ribs. Though laid up for a time, she is now improving, and it is hoped will soon be out again.

Get that way a nice pair of Colored Boots for the 24th at Martin & Reynolds'.

If you don't want to waste money don't read Ward's advt.

A new time table has come into effect on the Grand Trunk Railway. Changes are made in the time of the trains going east—the morning train leaving at 10:15 instead of 10:30, as formerly; and the afternoon train leaving at 2:00 instead of 2:20, as before. The trains going west leave at the same time as before.

Neckties, shirts, collars and cuffs, at ward's.

Only by prompt action was a serious fire averted on Monday forenoon. Mr. M. W. Westcott discovered the fence behind T. G. Clute's store and a hog pen adjoining the Stirling House stable to be on fire, and quickly gave the alarm. It was discovered just in time, as a few minutes more would have given it a big start.

Your new hat, sir, for the 24th is at ward's, the hatter.

The explosion of a coal oil stove which was being used by Miss Caldwell in her dress-making room on Monday forenoon caused a little excitement for a time. The stove was hurled into the street by Miss Clara Caldwell, who acted most courageously in so doing, though her hands were much scorched.

This prompt action prevented further damage. You may find something in ward's advt. that will interest you if you want to save money and get the most and best for what you spend.

What It Costs

To see the Queen's Birthday Celebration. The admission to the grounds on the morning of 24th of May will be 10c. for all. All those in the parade admitted free. In the afternoon adult admission 25c., children 10c. The new grand stand will be completed and ready for that day. The committee are not asking any fancy prices. The morning parade promises to be very interesting. One of the novelties will be a Spanish force and a Yankee force on bicycles, who will give a mock battle in the streets. Every citizen is invited to help make this parade a success. They are preparing for a large crowd, and will do their best to satisfy all.

A Great Revolution

IN THE PRICE OF ORDERED CLOTHING AT

J. BOLDRICK & SON'S

STIRLING.

This matter of cheap clothing so much now in demand has given us much thought, as it seems fast drifting into ready-made goods, and the dry goods men are getting the benefit of what we should have, in consequence of the high price of manufactured expensive clothing, and to meet the demand we have decided from this date to slaughter the price of all our clothing made to order by reducing the profits and cost of manufacturing. We will sell a respectable Black Suit, made to order, for \$14.50, Black Venetian Coat and Vest and Black Stripe Pants. All other Ordered Goods equally cheap from this date. We are known as reliable business men, and advertise nothing but what we mean to carry out, so come and visit us if you want good value in any kind of Clothing you may require.

Ready-Made Pants \$1.25, and Suits \$4.75, Blue Serge.

J. BOLDRICK & SON.

Among the Militia announcements recently made we find the following: 49th "Hastings" battalion, No. 2 company, to 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally, Sergeant Darius Green, vice McKee, retired.

Bargain Table in Boys' Suits.

In every size in boys' two and three piece suits, the Oak Hall have a lot of big bargains. Whenever a line of suits runs down to a suit or two, our they go on the bargain table to be cleaned at once. We have a lot of such snaps on sale all the time. To-day we added a lot.

Auction Sales.

SATURDAY, MAY 21.—At the premises of the proprietor, Mr. A. H. Kerr, Stirling, a lot of Buggies, Road Wagons, Harrows, and other articles. Sale at 2 o'clock. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

Births.

MAYHEW.—In Raydon, on May 12, the wife of GEO. MAYHEW, of a son.

Deaths.

GALLAGHER.—In Belmont, on May 16th, JOHN GALLAGHER, aged 25 years, 1 month and 28 days.

CARR.—In Stirling, on May 17, ELIZABETH, wife of Robert Carr, aged 74 years, 10 months and 28 days.

CARR.—In Raydon, on May 17, JACOB CARR, aged 70 years.

PHILLIPS.—In Huntingdon, on May 18, Wm. PHILLIPS, aged 76 years and 20 days.

STIRLING MARKET.

Wheat—\$1.00 per bus.
Rye—55c. to 58c. per bus.
Peas—55c. to 58c. per bus.
Oats—30c. to 35c. per bus.
Barley—40c. to 50c. per bus.
Buckwheat—40c. to 45c. per bus.
Hay—\$8.00 to \$8.50 per ton.
Butter—15c. to 16c. per lb.
Eggs, fresh—9c. to 10c. per doz.
Farmers' Lard—10c. to 12c. per lb.
Apples, green—75c. to \$1.00 per bag.
Potatoes—45c. to 50c. per bag.
Timothy seed—\$2.00 to \$2.25 per bus.
Deakins 50c.

Corn! Corn! Corn!

We have just received a car of
MAMMOTH SOUTHERN SWEET CORN
which is of excellent quality. Price 55c. per bushel.

SALT.—Another car of Cheese Salt (coarse in 200-pound sacks and fine barrel Salt) just arrived.

CROCKERY & CHINAWARE.

For the next ten days we will give special values in Crockery. Now is the time to purchase. Over twenty Dinner and Tea Sets to select from.

FLOUR.—You are never deceived when you buy your Flour at this store. The public are alive to this fact. First class Family Flour \$2.75 per hundred pounds.

POTATOES.—We pay 50c. per bag, cash or trade.

EGGS.—You can get 9 cents cash for your Eggs here.

WM. HOLDEN.

THE PEARCE CO., LIMITED, MARMORA.

We desire to increase our trade with the citizens of Stirling and surrounding country. To do this we are now offering some special lines at the following prices:

1x6x8 Hemlock Flooring, \$9 per M. ft.

1x6x8 Pine Siding, (Bevelled or Cove) \$11 per M. ft.

1x3x4x12 Ash V-Joint, \$15 per M. ft.

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Full assortment of

SASH, DOORS, BLINDS & MOULDINGS

always on hand. We make a speciality of VERANDA MATERIAL.

Orders filled promptly and satisfaction assured.

CARRIAGE STALLION

VOLUNTEER CLAY, JR.

THURSDAY MORNING leaves his own stable and goes to McKee's for noon. Thence to Posters, Frank Spier's for night. Thence to Geo. A. Kelchman's, Sidney Town, Hall, for noon. Thence to John Brennan's, Frankford, Friday night. Thence to his own stable and remains there balance of the time.

PEDIGREE.

VOLUNTEER CLAY, JR., is sired by Volunteer Clay, record 2:28 1/4 mile, 1:12. Volunteer Clay sired by Viola Clay, record 2:31 1/4 mile, 1:18. Viola Clay is sired by Harry High. She has trotted in 2:15 quarters in 33 seconds. She has trotted in 58 races, winning 50 of them, and getting a place in every 20 of them. She has 300 leads to her credit in 2:30 and better. Sired by Champion, sired to Rawdon, 2:29. Also sire of the Dan of Turf 1:23. PEDIGREE.—Dark bay horse, stands 16 hands, weighs 1775 pounds. Shows fine trotting action. Drives an easy mile at Asbury's track in 2:41. TERMS.—\$25.00 for a single leap, payable at time of service; \$5.00 to insure. Insured mares they be charged insurance, and parties desiring of their mares before foaling time must pay insurance, whether in foal or not. Mares tried by the horse and not returned, will be charged insurance. All accidents at the risk of owners of mares.

FRED FANNING,

WELLMAN'S CORNER.

THOROUGHbred JERSEY BULL

With pedigree, for service. Terms \$25.00. Or will sell on reasonable terms.

JOHN A. HATH, Lot 11, Con. 5, Raydon.

Some More Specials

THIS WEEK AT

THE MONSTER FIRE SALE.

10 pieces of Fancy Plaid and Flower Patterns, wool finish, double fold Wrapperettes at the wholesale price of 12 1/2c. Come early and make your selection.

Another shipment of the famous 5c. COTTON to hand.

COMPLETE STOCK OF STAPLES

always on hand. The price? The lowest, of course.

Having replenished our Grocery Stock, you'll find it up-to-date, as usual.

We've established a name for selling the BEST TEAS in the market, and it is to our interest to keep that name.

If you are desirous of having some of the far famed 15-cent Black and Japan Tea, you must call this week, as we have but a limited supply on hand.

E. F. PARKER.

SIGN OF THE RED FLAG.

NEW STORE

NEW GOODS

ROCK BOTTOM PRICES!

I have now a full and complete line in all Shelf and Heavy Hardware. FENCE WIRE only 2c. a pound. NONSUCH STOVE BLACKING, with a beautiful match safe for 10c. SCREEN DOORS, all complete, 75c. LAWN MOWERS, PAINTS, OILS, &c. MIXED PAINT, guaranteed. Call and see for yourself. Prices guaranteed.

L. MEIKLEJOHN.

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T. E. OLIVER, D. D. S.,
DENTIST,
GRADUATE OF TORONTO UNIVERSITY, and M. R. C. D. S. of Ontario.
Office—Over Parker's Drug Store.
Will visit Marston every Thursday.

FRANK ZWICK, M. B.,
GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF Toronto Medical College, Licentiate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario.
Office and Residence—Dr. Boulter's former residence, Stirling.

G. G. THRASHER,
SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC, CONVEYANCER, ETC.
Office—Over Brown & McCutcheon's Store, Stirling, Ontario.

J. EARL HALLIWELL, B. A.,
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, COMMISSIONER.
Office—Over Boldrick's Store, Stirling.

W. J. McCAMON,
BARRISTER, ETC., BELLEVILLE, ONT.
Office—McCammon Block, Cor. Front and Bridge Streets.
— MONEY TO LOAN.

W. P. McMAHON,
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC, CONVEYANCER, ETC., Belleville, Ont.
Private Money to Loan at Lowest Rates.
Offices, East side Front St.

JOHN S. BLACK,
CONVEYANCER, COMMISSIONER FOR taking Affidavits. Office, over the store lately occupied by G. L. Scott, Stirling.

BAILIFFS AND AUCTIONEERS.
CHARLES BUTLER AND HARRY HARRIS, BAILIFFS AND LICENSED AUCTIONEERS for the County of Hastings. Satisfaction guaranteed. All orders promptly attended to. Residence, Stirling, Ont.

STIRLING LODGE
No. 239.
I. O. O. F.
Meets in the Lodge room, Conley block, EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING at 8 o'clock. G. L. SCOTT, R. S.

DENTISTRY.
C. L. HAWLEY, D. D. S.
GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF Toronto School of Dentistry, will visit Stirling professionally, the second and last Friday in each month until further notice. The Dental Engine, Vitalized Air, Gas, and all the modern improvements known to Dentistry, will be used for the painless extraction and preservation of the natural teeth. Rooms at Scott House.

B. C. HUBBELL, M. A. R. M. O. R. A.
ISSUER OF MARRIAGE LICENSES AND Justice of the Peace for County Hastings.

A. E. TWEEDIE, V. S., Stirling.
Office one door west of the Kerby Hotel. All calls promptly attended day and night.

STIRLING MARBLE WORKS.
JOHN MOORE,
IMPORTER OF FOREIGN MARBLE AND GRANITE, has now on hand a full supply of Marble in Southern Falls and Blue and Green. A call solicited. Shop on Front Street.

Note Heads, Envelopes,

Billheads, Circulars,

Cards, Posters,

—AND—

JOB PRINTING
OF ALL KINDS, AT

LOWEST RATES,
At News-Argus Office

Notice to the Public.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING TAKEN out license as Auctioneer for the County of Hastings is prepared to attend all sales on shortest notice. Terms as low as the lowest, and satisfaction guaranteed. Orders left at the News-Argus office or addressed to me at Stirling, will be promptly attended to.
WM. RODGERS.

SWINE BREEDERS, ATTENTION

I have for service Thoroughbred Duroc Jersey, Poland China, and two Tamworth Boars, registered. Thoroughbred Tamworth Pigs for sale, either sex. Also, a fine young Tamworth Boar. Terms reasonable.
W. T. SINE,
Lot 12, Con. 5, Rawdon. Sine P. O.

WANTED—Teachers and other bright men for vacation or permanently to collect for "Canada: An Encyclopedia of the Country," in five royal quarto volumes. No delivery. Compensation paid weekly.
THE LINCOLN PUBLISHING CO., TORONTO.

AGENTS:
Book business is better than for years past; also have better and faster selling books. Agents clearing from \$10 to \$500. A few leaders are "Queen Victoria," "Life of Gladstone," "My Mother's Story," "Progressive Speaker," "Woman," "Klondike Gold Fields," "Glimpses of the Queen," "Breakfast, Dinner and Supper" Books on time.
BRADLEY-GARRETTSON COMPANY, LIMITED, TORONTO.

Queen's Birthday Celebration

Is over, and everybody satisfied with the day's pleasure, and everybody who wore a NEW SUIT from Ward's was doubly satisfied. Then our Hats were a prominent feature in the Driving Park.

To you who have not

Been able to get your new Summer Suit yet, we will be glad to get you ready for the celebration of

JULY 1.

WE ARE GETTING OUR STRAW HATS TO THE FRONT.

Wait till you see them, so that you will not be sorry you had bought before seeing

FRED. WARD'S,

YOUR TAILOR, HATTER & FURNISHER.

P.S.—We are agents for the Red Bird Bicycle that won the race on Monday. Call and inspect it. No charge.

The PEOPLE'S STORE

IS CERTAINLY THE PLACE TO BUY HONEST GOODS, AND ALWAYS ONE PRICE TO ALL.

Dress Goods.

Only a few Dresses left at 35c. a yard, regular price 50c. Big Bargains. Come early and be suited.

We expect some of the latest designs in Pattern Dresses here on Saturday. Gimps and Silk to match.

Any person wanting a fine MUSLIN DRESS, newest things, be sure and come Saturday. First come, first served.

PRINTS.—We are now ready to show a fresh lot.

CHALLIES.—A few we are selling at a great reduction to make room for Summer Goods.

LADIES' GLOVES, SILK, 40cts., Taffety, 25cts., Lisle, 35cts.

LADIES' HOSE now in stock, 7c, 10c, 12c, 15c. and upwards. Don't go elsewhere expecting to do better. Can suit you all.

SCHOOL BOYS' HOSE.—We have a full line of Boys' Ribbed Hose, (heavy) from the smallest to the largest size.

A new line of SAILOR HATS selling at 25c. Always a fresh, up-to-date stock of other shapes on hand.

GROCERIES, ALL FRESH.—Japan Tea at 25c., a bargain. Come and try a sample package and be convinced we have the best in town.

CASH PAID FOR EGGS. (HOUSE TO RENT.)

C. F. STICKLE.

Her Watch Wouldn't Go

I peeped into her watch when she said "the old thing wouldn't go." After a hasty glance I didn't wonder, and my diagnosis was "Indigestion." Pasted against the inner side of the case were: 1.—A portrait of her first love. 2.—Some dead forget-me-nots. 3.—A four-leaved clover. Between the inner cover and the works were two pictures and a recipe for cold cream. And still the obstinate thing refused to go. How is your watch running? A little slow? A little fast? Is it out of repair? If so bring it to me and have it fixed right.

W. H. CALDER, OPTICIAN JEWELER.

N.B.—Just received a new line of Gold Watches with 15 and 17 Jewelled Adjusted Movements, at very close prices.

YOU NEED IT!

SPRING time has come again, and with it House Cleaning, and you need some new Furniture to replace that which is getting worn and broken, or to furnish rooms that you never felt before that you could furnish to your liking. Now, the best place to get what you want in this line is at JAS. RALPH'S, Stirling. He has a splendid assortment, and will sell it to you at prices that cannot be beat in the city. Just call and examine. It is a pleasure to show goods, and you will find the prices right.

CURTAIN POLES AND WINDOW SHADES

... AT LOWEST PRICES. ...

PICTURE FRAMING

A large Stock of Mouldings to select from, and prices as low as any in the trade.

JAMES RALPH.

INCREASING DIVIDENDS

ARE MORE ENCOURAGING THAN

INCREASING RATES. . . .

The policy holders of the Ontario Mutual Life Co. are experiencing the former, by the reduction of their premiums.

While members of most Assessment Societies find their premiums rapidly increasing, and with strong indications, in some cases, that their Company may be added to the **33 Defunct Canadian** Assessment Societies. A policy in the "Ontario" pays in the end.

J. G. DAVISON, S. BURROWS,
Auctioneer, Special Agent. GENERAL AGENCY, BELLEVILLE.

The Queen's Birthday.

A Large Turnout and an Enthusiastic Celebration.

The celebration of the Queen's Birthday on Tuesday last under the auspices of the Stirling Brass Band, was attended by a large concourse of people, and was most successful in every respect. The weather had been showery for some days, and there was a heavy shower the night previous, yet the driving track and grounds were in good order. On account of the rather muddy roads the whole programme was delayed till the afternoon.

About nine o'clock a special train arrived from Madoc bringing the Madoc Band and lacrosse teams and a large number of visitors. At 10.18 the train from the west brought the Hastings lacrosse team and a number of visitors from that place.

About one o'clock the procession was formed headed by the calithumpians, some of whom were very grotesquely dressed, and accompanied by the two bands—Madoc and Stirling—marched to the grounds, where the various games and races were first.

The bicycle race was first. In the one mile race, open to all amateurs, 1st, E. A. Ford; 2nd, H. Dempsey.

In the local race the 1st prize was won by—Denyes, 2nd, A. Holsey.

The lacrosse match between the senior teams of Madoc and Hastings was the most interesting game, and was hotly contested. Hastings team showed superior skill, however and won the game 4 to 0. In the match between the junior teams of Madoc and Stirling, the latter were the victors, the score standing 6 to 1.

The horse races attracted much interest. The score at the close stood as follows:

FREE FOR ALL RACE.

O. Sils, Jessie Stanton . . . 1 1
J. Scrivner, Frank G. . . . 2 3
T. H. McKee, Molly M. . . . 3 3

GREEN RACE.

J. Scrivner, Frank G. . . . 2 1 1
Dr. McKillop, Flora M. . . . 1 2 2
S. Green, Maud G. . . . 3 3 3

BEST DRIVING TEAM.

A. Dufco 1st.
J. Ketcheson 2nd.
A. Corrigan 3rd.

The afternoon was bright and warm, but towards evening, and soon after the close of the races, a shower of rain caused all to seek shelter.

There was a large number on the grounds, and the grand stand which had just been finished was taken advantage of by as many as it could comfortably accommodate. It is comfortably seated with chairs, and is said by those who profess to know to be the best between Toronto and Montreal.

Village Council.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Village Council, held May 30th.

Members present, H. S. Ferguson, reeve; T. H. McKee, Wm. J. Graham and Henry Kerr.

A communication was received from the Peterborough Board of Trade, asking this council to send a delegate to a meeting of representatives of municipalities interested in the completion of the Trent Valley water route, to be held in Peterborough, on June 1st, and on motion the reeve was appointed.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid:

Wilson Sealey, 1 day's work . . . \$1.00
James Conley 1.00

Moved by Mr. McKee, seconded by Mr. Graham, that Wilson Sealey be appointed to enforce the provisions of the by-law to restrict clogs, etc., from running at large. Carried.

In response to a petition from nearly all the resident shop keepers, praying for the passing of an early closing by-law, the council as directed by the shops regulation act of the Province of Ontario, passed a by-law requiring all shops within the village of Stirling to be closed at seven o'clock in the afternoon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in each week, and to remain closed until five o'clock in the forenoon on the following day, during the term commencing June 1st and ending Sept. 15th, in each year. The penalty for an infraction of the by-law, to be on conviction, a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$20, and in default of sufficient distress, to commitment.

The common goal of the county for a term not exceeding 10 days.

On motion the council adjourned.

JOHN S. BLACK, Clerk.

Belleville city council has unanimously approved of a proposal for the removal of a rolling mill from Norwich, Connecticut, to that city, and will submit a by-law to the people. The proposal is to give \$50,000 cash, a free site, free water, exemption from taxes for 10 years and to pay duty on the machinery.

W. Boulter & Sons, of Picton, last week, shipped 650 cases of canned goods to Dawson City, Alaska. The goods went via St. Francis in bond and will go up the coast to St. Michael, then up the Yukon river 1800 miles to its destination. This the second shipment of goods sent by this firm to that far away country.

Boys' Suit Trade.
We did a splendid trade Saturday in boys' suits at the Oak Hall. Our bargain tables in both two and three piece suits proved very attractive. Bring in your boys this week and notice the money we will save you. You cannot find any clothing to wear at Oak Hall clothing.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

A large number from this place went to Belleville to hear Dan O'Leary's famous band, which gave a performance there this afternoon.

Campbellford District Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Campbellford District of the Methodist Church was held at Campbellford on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. The year's work has resulted in an increase of membership and of contributions to all the church funds. Rev. Wm. Johnston, of Stirling, was elected to the Stationing Committee, Rev. J. J. Liddy and Mr. W. Knox to the Sunday School Committee, and Rev. J. W. Totton and Mr. W. E. Rankin to the Epworth League Committee. Mr. Jas. Currie was elected by delegate to Conference from Stirling, and Mr. John A. Heath from Rawdon circuit. The conference meets in Lindsay in June.

Our Town Blowed Up By the Libby Glass Blowers.

This popular Glass Company from the World's Fair pitched their canvas on McKee's vacant lot Queen's Birthday, and interested many of our best families, also many from the surrounding country. It is a grand sight to see them spin glass finer than silk, and make those beautiful glass ships, wine glasses and baskets, and other fine ornaments for the mantle piece. They give every visitor a present in glass that you see made free of charge. They will continue their work every evening this week, and a grand Saturday Matinee for school children. Go and see them. It is a sight you will never forget. The admission is only 10 cents, and your present free. Every article made will be given away. Open from 7 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday from 2 to 5 and from 7 to 10 p.m.

There has been considerable damage nearly every thunder storm that has passed over this season. Early on Thursday morning a very severe storm passed over not only this province, but extended far to the west, and considerable damage was caused at various places. A barn belonging to Mr. Albert Fitchett, in Rawdon, was struck, and the building, together with all the contents, including horses, pigs and implements, was entirely consumed. In London a Mr. Allenby was killed in bed. A number of barns were burned in Western Ontario, and the Baptist Church in Ingersoll was struck and entirely destroyed by fire. From farther west in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa come reports of damage. In Ogle county, Illinois, eleven persons were killed. In Wisconsin ten persons are reported killed at one place, and five at another. There was a score of lives are reported to have been lost.

Ordination and Induction

Of Mr. Alex. Rannie, B.A.

On May 25th, '98, Mr. Alex. Rannie, B.A., graduate of Queen's, was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Roslin, Thurlow and Sidney. The service was held in the Sidney Presbyterian Church at 2.30 p.m. Rev. S. S. Burns, B.A., Moderator of Kingston Presbytery, preached the Induction Sermon, and conducted the Ordination Service; Rev. John Moore, M.A., of Burnbrae, addressed the Inducted Pastor, and Rev. D. O. McArthur addressed the people.

In the evening a reception was given to the Rev. Mr. Rannie by the three congregations. Addresses were delivered by the Revs. Moore, McArthur, Rannie, Dixon, (of Methodist Church) and Mr. J. S. Watson, B.A. The Moderator, Mr. Burns, took the chair at 8 o'clock. A good program of instrumental music was supplied, after which refreshments were served. A profitable and enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Stirling Cheese Board.

At a meeting of the Stirling Cheese Board, held on the 25th inst., the following factories offered:

	WHITE	COLD
Shamrock	50	50
Stirling	50	50
Central	50	50
Kingston	50	50
Maple	50	50
Harold	50	50
Evergreen	50	50
Big Springs	50	50
Enterprise	50	50
West Huntingdon	50	75
Springbrook	50	50
Spry	50	50
Marmora	50	50
Monarch	50	50
Bell	50	50
	650	75

The sales were as follows:—M. Bird 250 white at 7 1/2, and Mr. Cook 150 white at 7 1/2.

Toronto Non-Jury Settings.

BEFORE BOYD, C.

Morrow v. Lancashire Ins. Co. of England.—Judgement in action to recover \$200 upon a fire insurance policy. Judgement for plaintiff for \$600.55 and interest from date of action and costs. George Wilkie for plaintiff, McCarthy, Q.C., and C. S. MacInnes for defendants.

STIRLING CASH STORE

SPECIAL DRESS GOODS SALE.

We will give 10 per cent off all Black Dress Goods. Our Stock consists of plain Henriettas, Serges, Lustres, Figured Lustres, Broches and Fancy Cords. These goods are at all prices from 25c. per yard up to 80c. per yard.

This means that a dress worth \$2.50 is to be had for . . . \$2.25
One worth \$3.50 bought for . . . 3.15
" " \$4.00 " . . . 3.60
" " \$5.00 " . . . 4.50

10 per cent Discount off all Fancy Patterns and Fancy Dress Goods by the yard. Our Stock is well assorted, and contains all the newest goods.

SPECIAL.

Two lines of Fancy figured Dress Satens, regular price 11c. and 12c., will sell at . . . 10c.
A line of Fancy Muslins, very pretty, regular price 12c., will sell at . . . 10c.

We are Headquarters for Linings and Trimmings.

Just received a line of double fold Art Muslins, 10c., and 12c.

Just received another assortment of low priced Wall Papers, very pretty patterns, with borders to match.

SPECIAL.

From now on we will give 25 and 50 per cent discount off all old Papers and broken lots. These are pretty patterns, and are big snaps.

This means that \$1.00 worth of Paper can be bought for 50c. and 75c.

Butter and Eggs wanted.

NOTICE.—On and after June 1st, this store will close at 7 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

T. G. CLUTE.

Corn. Corn.

We have just received a car load of Mammoth Southern Sweet Corn. Parties requiring Corn will do well to come to us.

FLOUR.

We have a good Family Flour for \$2.75 per 100 lbs. If it is not same as represented your money will be refunded.

Crockery.

A large assortment at low prices.

Salt.

We keep a good supply of Salt. Also, Millet and Chopped Feed in stock.

Wanted.—Potatoes, Buckwheat, Butter and Eggs.

CASH FOR EGGS.

S. HOLDEN.

THE STIRLING STEAM LAUNDRY.

The undersigned will be ready to bustle the 22nd of May, when he will do all kinds of Washing and Fine Laundry Work at prices that will compete with other places. Any person trusting me with their work will be fully satisfied as I have secured the best practical man in the Province of Ontario.

Front Street, opposite T. H. McKee's Harness Shop.

WM. MONTGOMERY.

VOLUNTEERS, ATTENTION.

The members of No. 2 Company, 49th Battalion, are hereby notified to meet at the Armory in Stirling, on Saturday evening, June 1st, at 9 o'clock p.m., to prepare for camp. A few recruits wanted.

J. C. WILSON, Captain.

A car load of canned goods was shipped from the Belleville Canning Factory on Monday last for Dawson City.

Mr. Crosse-Brereton had conjectured
rightly when he said she would not
again be won by a handsome man. For

But nothing more is said. Colonel Dare shows them over the house himself, and is profuse in offers of hos-

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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

A serious epidemic of measles is raging at Tweed.

Stratford will spend \$14,000 on its Public schools this year.

Pictou's High School was badly damaged by fire on Saturday.

Engineer Baker and Fireman Smyth were killed on the C.P.R. at Moose Jaw.

Brantford legislators are talking of establishing a civic electric lighting plant.

Hon. C. Fitzpatrick has been re-elected M.P. for the bar of the district of Quebec.

Mr. W. B. McMurich, has been appointed to enforce the alien law at Toronto.

More than a score of Klondikers fell through the ice near Crater Lake and were drowned.

The G. T. R. will construct 250 refrigerators cars for the general service of the system.

Mr. F. Bourassa, ex-M.P., known as "the father of the Canadian House of Commons," is dead.

A. F. McDougall, brother of Judge McDougall, Toronto, attempted to commit suicide at Niagara.

The G. T. R. has accepted Montreal's offer of city land for the erection of new G. T. R. head offices.

It is possible that the shipbuilding yards of the Bertha Company may be moved from Toronto to Kingston.

News has been received at Montreal of the drowning at Bangor, Wales, of F. B. Evans, C. P. agent at Liverpool.

London's City Solicitor holds that the corporation has no power to raise money for cinder paths by taxing bicyclists.

The report that there is to be a general deduction of salaries on the C. P. R. is denied by the management at Montreal.

The barque Crofton Hall, from Dundee for New York, is a wreck off Sable Island. The crew have been brought to Halifax.

Five destitute children, whose parents had deserted them, were found in St. Sauveur, Quebec, Tuesday, half dead from cold and hunger.

Hamilton workmen will ask the Board of Education to give the teaching of domestic science a trial in one or two of the Public Schools.

Five hundred tons of coal sank five feet with Smith & Company's dock at Owen Sound on Saturday. Fifty yards of C.P.R. track also settled.

Alexander Milroy, traffic manager of the Richmond & Ontario Navigation Co., at Montreal, has resigned after 50 years of service in the company.

The Toronto Board of Control has decided to recommend the appropriation of \$100,000 for the provision of additional school accommodation in the city.

An Italian named Sonner has been sentenced at New Bedford, B. C., to imprisonment for life for wounding a man named James at Halle Crossing with intent to murder.

Angelo Oliver, an alleged New York murderer, traced to Halifax, has eluded the authorities there as a result of a false description telegraphed from New York.

The Kingston Board of Education has adopted progressive ideas in regard to cheap school books. Each pupil will be supplied with an outfit of books at a small yearly fee.

Twenty-four thousand six hundred bushels of Quebec potatoes have been shipped into the United States since last Saturday. The increased demand is a result of the war.

It is reported at Vancouver, B. C., that an Anglo-French company intends to build a telegraph line from Vancouver to Dawson City, via Skagway, Dyea and Wrangell.

Geo. Hemstock of Buffalo was found dead in his uncle's bed at Hamilton. George Goodale has been arrested on a charge of aggravated assault on Hemstock. A hearing is being held.

E. C. Gliderville and W. Moore, Kingston, are organizing a party to proceed to the Klondike. Already five young men have signified their willingness to join the gold hunting expedition.

A Buelh Man, correspondent writes that Hon. J. C. Mickle had informed him that the Canadian Pacific Railway had purchased the Great North-West Central Railway and that line would be extended at least twenty miles this year.

Adam Thomson, late city clerk of Nanaimo, B.C., who pleaded guilty to the Ashtons to having falsified the city accounts and stolen \$100 of the city's funds, has been sentenced to fifteen months with hard labor in the penitentiary and child and pleaded mercy on his account.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The great Welsh coal strike will be settled this week in a compromise or a complete victory for the men.

British Board of Trade returns for April show an increase in imports of \$2,050,000, and a decrease in exports of \$1,020,000.

British and American papers, including The New York Sun, warmly endorse the proposed Anglo-Saxon alliance. France and Spain resent it.

Owing to the United States being at Worcester, Mass., has decided not to celebrate the 24th of June this year.

The engagement is announced in London of William Angus Montague, ninth Duke of Manchester, to Jean, daughter of Charles Henry Wilson, M. P. for West Wall, a noted shipowner.

Lieut. Penard, of the Canadian Artillery, at present quartered at Aldershot, has entered for several of the competitions at the Royal Military Tournament, to be held in the Crystal Palace, beginning from May 19 to June 1.

The third drawing of the 1890

MR. GLADSTONE IS DEAD.

THE AGED STATESMAN PASSES AT LAST TO HIS REST.

The Grand Old Man Died Peacefully at Five O'clock on Thursday Morning—Story of His Illness and Death.

A despatch from Hawarden says:—Mr. Gladstone died at 5 o'clock on Thursday morning.

Mr. Gladstone died peacefully at his bedside at the last moments. Mrs. Gladstone, exhausted by her long watching, only now and then reluctantly yielded to the persuasions of the physicians and her family to recline briefly on a couch in the same room with her husband. The death chamber is immediately above the terrace, from which Mr. Gladstone used to address admirers visiting Hawarden. The window is surrounded by blossoming creepers, through which the pale light of early morning fell upon the last scene.

The London newspapers had gone to press before the end came, but all editorially refer with deep appreciation to the life that was known to be swiftly closing. They all paid tribute to Mr. Gladstone's devotion to duty, his lofty ideals, his religious fervor, and his influence on Great Britain and the world's history.

THE LAST SAD DAYS.

The whole world has followed with the keenest interest and melancholy the closing scenes in Mr. Gladstone's life, which have been days of sadness and pain. The nature of the disease which brought to a close all too early the career of the venerable statesman has been a subject of much speculation. In a younger man whose vigor had not been impaired by years of active arduous public service an operation might have been performed with comparative safety and the cause of the trouble removed. But Mr. Gladstone's impaired strength and advanced years precluded the possibility of

the operation.

It is reported that rioters have harassed the Japanese Consulate at Shashi, Hu-Pei province, China.

The American students of Halle have protested against the unfriendly attitude of the German press towards America.

The Oceanic Co. steamer Moana, left Sydney, N.S.W., for San Francisco on Wednesday with a gold shipment of \$50,000 sovereigns.

The Queen of Belgium, who is a daughter of the late Archduke Joseph of Austria, while driving near Brussels on Sunday, was upset in a lake, but rescued uninjured.

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Russia will not allow foreigners to land at Port Arthur or Ta-lien-Wan without passports.

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A BIOGRAPHY.

Mr. Gladstone was born at Liverpool, Dec. 29, 1809. He was the youngest son of a merchant—Sir John Gladstone, Bart., sometime of Leith—and of Ann Robertson, daughter of Mr. Andrew Robertson of Stormroy, and Provost of Glasgow, the greatest Liberal statesman of his time has ever been proud to boast of his Scottish nationality and middle-class origin. He was educated at Rugby and Christ Church, Oxford, and at both places early developed High Church tendencies, and those that remained, and which he inherited from his father. At school he contributed largely to The Eton Mission, and subsequently to the Oxford Union. He was married in 1839 to Miss Catherine Glynne, daughter of Sir Stephen R. Glynne, of Hawarden Castle, Flintshire.

ENTERS PUBLIC LIFE.

Shortly after the passing of the first Reform Bill, in 1832, Mr. Gladstone made his entry into public life at Newark, where he was elected, as the Duke of Newcastle's nominee, in the Tory interest, to the House of Commons. He was elected on May 17, 1833, but he delivered his maiden speech in the House of Commons in reply to Lord Howick, on the slavery question, when he expressed himself as opposed to slavery, but not in favor of hasty and wholesale enfranchisement.

On the dissolution of the Melbourne Ministry, at the end of 1834, Sir Robert Peel called Mr. Gladstone to his first public appointment as Junior Lord of the Treasury, which post he resigned in February of the following year for that of Under Secretary for the Colonies. A month afterwards (March 1835) however, Lord John Russell introduced his motion with regard to the temporaries of the Irish Church, which Mr. Gladstone vigorously opposed, but he was indismissibly rejected. On May 10, 1836, Mr. Gladstone again came into power. The death of William IV., in June 1837, caused a general election, when Mr. Gladstone was once more returned for Newark. In 1841, on the accession of Sir Robert Peel, after the defeat of the Tories, Mr. Gladstone accepted office as Vice-President of the Board of Trade and Master of the Mint.

He took an active part in the Corn Law debates of 1841-42, and, although

opposed to Mr. Villiers, the champion of the Corn Law, he was not in favor of its abolition. He was elected to the House of Commons in 1842, and was re-elected in 1845, 1847, 1849, 1851, 1853, 1855, 1857, 1859, 1861, 1863, 1865, 1867, 1869, 1871, 1873, 1875, 1877, 1879, 1881, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, 1891, 1893, 1895, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1903, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1913, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1921, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1929, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025, 2027, 2029, 2031, 2033, 2035, 2037, 2039, 2041, 2043, 2045, 2047, 2049, 2051, 2053, 2055, 2057, 2059, 2061, 2063, 2065, 2067, 2069, 2071, 2073, 2075, 2077, 2079, 2081, 2083, 2085, 2087, 2089, 2091, 2093, 2095, 2097, 2099, 2101, 2103, 2105, 2107, 2109, 2111, 2113, 2115, 2117, 2119, 2121, 2123, 2125, 2127, 2129, 2131, 2133, 2135, 2137, 2139, 2141, 2143, 2145, 2147, 2149, 2151, 2153, 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HOUSEHOLD.

THE VIOLET.

Here she is, the dear,
Sweetest vestal of the year,
In her little purple hood,
Brightening the lonesome wood.

We who, something worn with care,
Take the road, find unaware,
Joy that heartless, good that thrills,
Love our cup of life that fills.

Since in Spring's remembered nooks
Lifting fair familiar looks,
Once again, with curving grace
In the same dear lowly place,
God his annual sign has set
In the tender violet.

HOW TO FRESHEN LAST SEASON'S HAT.

Many of us have hats left from last season, that are just as good as new except they are soiled. We will tell the economical young woman, how they may be made to look as well as ever, provided she is inclined to make the effort.

In the first place a white straw hat should be well brushed and the stiffening fibers removed, says a writer in *Boys's Monthly*. Then wash it over with a good sudso made of clear water and a white soap, scrub well with a nail brush. Then it should be rinsed by dipping it up and down in a clear water. If any stains still remain, a little lemon juice should be rubbed on the spot with the brush.

If more convenient, a diluted solution of oxalic acid may be used instead of the lemon, but the greatest care should be taken to keep it out of the reach of children as it is deadly poison. After the hat has been dried in the open air it should be sponged over with the white of an egg well beaten; this will make the straw taut, and also complete the cleansing process. A large hat should be dried on a wicker surface and sometimes hats of straw are good to press them in shape.

To bleach straw there are several good methods that can be done at home with slight expense and trouble. The hat, after being scrubbed as directed above, should be suspended in a closet or box with burning sulphur. Cover the larger end of the hat with a cloth to remain inside from one to two hours. Another way is to cover the hat over with a paste made of sulphur and water. It should be left in the sun and rubbed off with a stiff brush. If the hat is very much stained lemon juice should be used in the same way. To the same way of corn meal and vinegar may be used with great satisfaction.

WATERING HOUSE PLANTS.

I am satisfied that not one person in twenty is aware that too much water is more dangerous to the plants than too little. As they are just as tender as we seem to have the idea that to take a watering pot in hand to supply the needs of plants is an easy duty, and that to give a dash here, and to soak the soil there, is all there is to the matter.

One thing is to be observed: All plants under all circumstances, nor, indeed, the same plants under different circumstances, require the same amount of water. It is necessary, therefore, to study the nature and habits of kinds as they are, and to treat according to its needs. A vigorous blooming plant, say a fuchsia or geranium, might be said to represent the maximum need of water, and the same when in a state of rest, in cool damp weather, the minimum requirement as to this. Therefore, to give exactly the same quantity of water in both conditions named, would be to cause harm by not giving enough water to some and too much to others.

One safe rule is to wait until the ball of earth begins to get rather dry, and then to give enough water to moisten the soil through and through. Then to not water again until the former state of dryness is reached, be that time six hours or six days.

A FEW PIES.

Orange Pie.—Squeeze the juice from 2 large oranges, grate the thin yellow, mix together and save out 1 tablespoonful. Beat together 1-2 lb. of sugar and 1-4 lb. of butter; add yolks of 6 eggs beaten light and the orange juice. Stir in the whites of 4 eggs beaten to a froth and pour the mixture into pie plates, lined with puff paste. Bake in a quick oven and when done spread with a meringue made of the 2 remaining egg whites. 2 tablespoonfuls powdered sugar, a pinch of soda and the tablespoon of juice. Brown in oven. This will make two pies.

Apple Cream Pie.—One cup steamed apples, 1 cup sweet cream, sweeten to taste and flavor with cinnamon and lemon. Beat to a smooth cream, place in a rich crust and bake in a quick oven. Put the whites of 2 eggs and 1 cup sugar, beaten to a stiff froth, on top with a dash of cream and a few moments until of a rich brown color.

Cranberry Pie.—Line a pie dish with plain pastry, then fill it with washed cranberries, add 1 cup molasses and 4 tablespoonfuls sugar. Cover with an upper crust and bake in a quick oven for 30 minutes.

Rice Pie.—Boil 1-2 cup rice until tender, after which add milk until it is in a thin batter, the yolks of 4 eggs and 4 tablespoonfuls sugar. Bake with one crust until brown and spread over the top a frosting made by beating together the whites of 4 eggs, adding 6 table-spoons sugar, flavor with lemon and put in the oven for 5 minutes.

THE ROSE CROP.

Gathering the rose crop in Southeastern Europe is now in progress, and in the regions where roses are grown, the crop is a most important one. It is as much of an event as the strawberry crop in some parts of this country. It is estimated that from the middle of May until the middle of July over three-quarters of a million of people, mostly women and girls, are employed in gathering the roses, and the fact that this flower, generally esteemed solely for its beauty, should, by means of its petals, furnish employment and bread to so many people is one of the most singular phenomena of our complicated civilization. The belle in western countries needs a perfume, and the gazelle-eyed daughters of the East, the jetties of Egypt, the girls in Southern Algeria, French and Spanish peasant beauties in Herault and Bouches-du-Rhone; Italian girls of Lombardy; maidens not exactly of Athens, but of Greece and its isles; the wives of turbaned Turks, and shabby-clothed Bulgarians, all contribute to fill the demand.

Fair maidens, whom the essence of attar of roses is only a delightful perfume has little idea of the labor necessary to produce it, of its importance, or of the races of people who, through its production, contribute to her pleasure. It is, however, but one illustration of the fact that no part of the world's inhabitants is independent of the rest. Just as thousands of men and women in Sumatra and Borneo, in Ceylon and India, find the means of subsistence from the taste of the civilization of Europe, so men and women earn bread in Asia and Africa because in France, England and America, fashionable people have a taste for a rich perfume.

The antiquity of the rose is so great that all account of its origin has been lost. It is not mentioned in the Biblical writings earlier than the reign of Solomon, but the allusion to it then made is such as to indicate that the flower had already long been known, for the essence of roses was extensively used in Jerusalem and Judea during the reign of the luxurious and much-married King. In Egypt the rose is depicted on a number of very early monuments, believed to date from 3000 B.C., and in the tomb of an Egyptian prince, who died about a year before the Greeks discovered America, hermetically sealed vials were found, which, when opened, continued genuine attar of roses, so that the modern claims for the discovery of this delicious perfume are vain. Rose water, or the essence of roses, is mentioned by Homer in the "Iliad"; Homer and Solomon were nearly contemporaneous. Both the Greeks and Hebrews probably borrowed the idea of its manufacture from the Egyptians, and these, for aught anyone can tell, may have had the idea from the Chinese, who, for the latter claim for each of their discoveries and inventions a most marvelous, not to say incredible, antiquity.

As commerce and the rose are grown in many parts of the world. Not only in the neighborhood of Paris, but more extensively in the south of France and in the Balkan States, and in the manufacturing attar, and over 30,000,000 pounds of rose leaves are annually collected by the French for the purpose of making rose water or the attar of rose. In Algeria and Tunis the rose was formerly grown much more than at present, for the competition of other places has become so severe that the Algerians and Tunisians are now turning their attention to the geranium, which in that mild climate, producing its flower nearly all the year, is a more profitable crop. The valley of Damascus yields a fine quality of roses, and the vale of Cashmere has for ages been famous, not only for its roses, but also for the quality of its perfume. The rose of India, the rose of Persia, and the rose of the East, are all manufactured at Ghazipur, near Benares, and are of the same quality. The rose gardens, really fields, in which the rose is cultivated for the flowers, in Italy and Sicily rose culture is practiced for the sake of the perfume, and during the last twenty-five or thirty years the attar or essence of the rose has become one of the most important commercial resources of Bulgaria. The rose fields of Roumelia are found on the southern slopes of the Balkans and the plains which descend to the River Maritza. There is a district in Roumelia over 120 miles long by forty in width, which by its climate and soil is singularly well adapted to the production of the rose, and almost the whole of this region is given up to rose fields. The soil is a light loam, inclined to sandiness, the drainage is good, while the cold winds from Central Russia are kept off by the Balkan range, which furnishes abundant rains in spring and

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autumn, and during the summer a humidity very favorable to the growth of the plant. The roses are known to the ancients as the Rosa Maschata, a red rose, and are propagated by layering. The layers being placed in rows about 6 feet apart. In three years the plants are in full bearing, and continue to bear for ten years longer, when the quality, as the quantity of the product begins to deteriorate. The roses are cut in the winter, and set out in their stead. A rose grower manages his planting that fresh shoots of plants are continually coming on, in consequence of a portion of his ground goes to waste. No more charming spectacle is presented in the world than a Roumelian rose field during picking season; the azure sky above, the gray Balkans closing their northern landscape, the plain leading off to the Maritza toward the south and thousands of acres covered with rose-bushes in full bloom. It is as though the earth had suddenly burst into blossom. Everywhere through the fields in warm and arid areas are the pickers, men, women, and girls, for the rose harvest must be quickly gathered, if at all, and the women are employed during the season. The time of the harvest is known for several miles in every direction, and whole families migrate from Bosnia, Serbia, Northern Bulgaria, Albania and even from Greece, Roumania and Asia Minor to the rose fields. The roses, the harvest lasts, as already stated, about eight weeks, and during this time any one who can pick roses can find employment in all the Balkans. Coming from all directions, the pickers, of course, represent types of half the world. There are Greek women with jaunty little caps, Albanian women with the head-dress peculiar to that region; Turkish women with sunbonnets, and in the country where it is, through which the black eyes of the harem beauty glitter; Roumanian and Serbian women, Bulgarian and Russian peasant girls, and every sort of head-dress, and in many instances omitting the head-dress altogether. All are alike, however, in one respect, they are during the season, and they are themselves with roses. The Turkish women present a grotesque appearance, with their heads pressed on the ground, round hoods, the Greeks with Bulgarian make garlands for head, neck and waist. Everybody wears roses; even the men, who are in charge of the work, retorts make himself bearded with a boutonniere or a bunch of roses fastened on his turban or bearskin cap.

Every picker is equipped with a basket, and the leaves are light, and there is a considerable difference in weight between two bushels of rose leaves and two bushels of rose petals. The leaves are cut off, they are emptied into sacks, and as soon as possible these are transported to the houses and there converted into attar. The leaves are cut off, and when the day is on the leaves, and is continued until 10 or 11 o'clock, or during cloudy days, all day long. When the leaves are cut off, the leaves are continued towards noon, and recommenced at 4 or 5, and then work is carried on as long as the pickers can see. The leaves are cut off, and when the day is on the leaves, and is continued until 10 or 11 o'clock, or during cloudy days, all day long. When the leaves are cut off, the leaves are continued towards noon, and recommenced at 4 or 5, and then work is carried on as long as the pickers can see.

The factories where the attar of rose is made are primitive, but quite satisfactory for their purpose. They are used and ten kilns of roses, a kilogramme being 22 pounds, or about 100 pounds of roses, and 100 pounds of rose leaves. The process of distillation is carried on for an hour, when the flask which is used to receive the distillate is removed, and the steam of oil and condensed water; it is removed, the alomble is recharged, and are mere sheds; sometimes the walls are of mud, and when it is a small one, occasionally of plank. On one side stand the retorts in rows, copper alembics about 3 feet in height, with a brick furnace at the base. The alembic has a capacity of 110 liters, a liter being about a standard quart, but for a charge only seventy-five liters of roses are used. The flask which is used to receive the distillate is removed, and the steam of oil and condensed water; it is removed, the alomble is recharged, and are mere sheds; sometimes the walls are of mud, and when it is a small one, occasionally of plank. On one side stand the retorts in rows, copper alembics about 3 feet in height, with a brick furnace at the base. The alembic has a capacity of 110 liters, a liter being about a standard quart, but for a charge only seventy-five liters of roses are used.

The quantity of the product as proportioned to the amount of rose leaves used is very small. Only a few drops of roses produce the attar in much greater abundance than others, the product also varying in different countries. It has been found by experience that the season has much to do with the quantity of attar; a humid spring or a dry summer, or a cold summer, causing the petals to yield more liberally than in the case of a dry hot season. In Bulgaria 3000 kilos of rose leaves produce one kilogramme of attar, and this is the yield of about one hectare, or two and one-half acres. In Roumelia the yield is from 800 to 2000 francs, say an average of 1000, and thus the Bulgarian realizes about \$100 an acre on his crop, a very good thing for the amount of labor and the outlay. In France the production is about the same, or 3000 francs, and in Italy the yield is about 1000 francs, and in Sicily the yield is about 1000 francs. Only the red rose is used for manufacturing the essence; the white, or yellow varieties, while fragrant to the nostrils, are not so valuable a product.

It is not generally known that the attar of roses is one of the most valuable and costly substances in the world. An ounce of pure attar is worth from \$100 to \$150, and the market price of gold is only about \$20 an ounce, some idea of the value of the attar of roses may be gained. A few years ago some druggists off Conny Island brought up

from the depths of the sea, a box, and opening it ascertained that it contained nearly 100 ounces of attar of roses, worth more than \$10,000. The box was found and the box had undoubtedly formed a part of the cargo. The attar was unharmed by its long submersion in seawater, and the druggists realized a fortune from a box a little more than 10 inches square. The value of the attar of roses in the Balkan district alone is about \$400,000 worth of attar.

The attar has a pretty general demand, according to which, in the year 1912 the Princess Nour Djihan, who was close to marry the Prince of Bulgaria, was walking with her affianced in one of the galleries of the palace when she noticed that in the pools of rose water, furnished by the fountains in the palace, there were drops of a yellow liquid. She ordered the attendants to collect the scattered flowers with feathers, and when this was done, behold the attar of roses, which, therefore, was the attar of the Prince Nour Djihan-Djihan, which is well enough for the ease-loving Persians who have an aversion to leanness, but rather lengthy for the Western world. Whether the name is responsible for the story, or the story for the name, matters not, but it is certain that the water and the attar of rose was known in Persia long before the Prince and Princess were married. The name is names walked through the galleries. The attar is taken by perfumers, who find it too strong to be used in its pure state, and it is diluted with rose leaves and sometimes with rose leaves, "cut" it with alcohol and sell it in the form of rose water. It is said that even in the country where it is made, adulterations are practiced, for other oils bearing some resemblance to it in odor are frequently mixed with it. Geranium oil, sandalwood oil, theodan and other volatile oils are said to be employed by dishonest dealers as adulterants. The attar of roses is a few drops of the attar of roses, sometimes sold for the pure article. The genuine oil is so exceedingly powerful that when used in small quantities, for example, one drop is said to be sufficient to impart its characteristic odor to a pint. The romance of the rose does not end with the attar. Much hard labor is necessary to collect the fragrant essence from the fragrant leaf, and no matter from what point of view it is contemplated, there is nothing romantic about work.

THE AWAKENING.

The flowers have come—God's harbingers of summer.
Yesterday the first violet peeped above an old sere leaf and looked about the woods. The violet did not shiver. It was warm and the sweet sunshine beamed radiantly into the face of the flower child, all alone there in the great woods.

"Tell me," asked the Violet, with a tiny tenor in its baby voice, "what was it that awakened me when I was so soundly sleeping? Tell me."

"It was I," whispered the soft South Breeze.

"And why?" went on the Violet.

"Because," morning has come and all your neighbors have arisen," answered the Breeze.

"And I am the last to open my eyes and welcome God's sunshine?" disconnectedly pleaded the Violet with memories of other mornings when it had been the first to greet the birth of day.

"Yes," went on the Breeze, "you are the last this time."

"But I do not hear my neighbors nor see them," the Violet could not be sure of its own leaves.

"If you were to crawl from beneath that old leaf," said the Breeze, "you would hear and see them too."

"Over on the left," a Hymenit had been its daily toil of making the world bright. A Lady Slipper appeared in prayer near by. In its front yard beyond a tiny Cowslip played at hide and seek with a baby blade of Grass while a primrose and a crocus and the scraggly bark of a blasted Oak and calmly surveyed the scene. Away to the left, nodded the golden heads of a cornflower and a poppy. The old, old story into each other's ears when the Cowslip was not looking.

The Violet was not very tall but it clambered up to a speck of gravel and, as its deep sweet eyes took in the scene, drops of dew appeared on its leaves, and lower yet for joy, though its tears we know as dew.

"I am so glad," the Violet nodded to the Lady Slipper and so glad that another day has come. And see—"

The Lady Slipper looked up.
The sky was beautifully blue, and through the fantastic traceries of the hanging vines and budding limbs, the little streams of sunlight entered, and leading upon the Violet's eyes turned the whole forest into one great rainbow.

The Violet dried its tears and smiled.
"I am, am, so, so, glad," it said. "This morning came, so late. I had slept so soundly and so peacefully, and now it was morning—God's morning of the flowers, Spring, they sometimes call it."

EXPOSED HIS HAND.
"Mr. Rockingham—No, sir, I cannot consent to let my daughter be married to a man who is so wild as you are."

Mr. Honeywell—How do you know I am wild?
Mr. Rockingham—Oh, that's all right. I get around among the folks a little myself, and I know just how these things from people who know all about it.

Mr. Honeywell—Very well, I'll go and explain to Alice and her mother just how it is.
Mr. Rockingham—Say, hold on! My boy, you can't do that. It's all right, I was only bluffing you.

NO ALLOWANCE.

They say, Blokey, old man, that your wife has been married to a man who is not right. It's so confoundedly independent that I can't get any of it.

THE INVASION OF CUBA.

FEEDING AND CLOTHING OF AN ARMY IN WAR TIME.

Feeling Men Intends to Take Care of His Soldiers in Cuba—Elaborate Preparation Made as to Clothing, Food and Ammunition.

Great care is being given to the feeding, clothing, medical requirements and sanitary arrangements for the American army that is to invade the island. The island has the reputation of being a hotbed of miasma, where fever and other violent diseases lie in wait for the unacclimated. Experts in the Bureau of Subsistence of the United States War Department believe that the dangers from the climate of Cuba have been grossly exaggerated. The officers in charge of the American army will not permit their troops to suffer from the exposure, neglect and privation which have caused the death of thousands of young Spanish recruits. The medical department of the army has also given much attention to the subject, and the troops who stand in Cuba will be equipped to withstand the climate. Special clothing adapted to the season of the tropics will be provided for every man in the service. These clothes will not be of canvas, but of new light material resembling the "khaki" worn by the British troops in India. In design the uniform will have the appearance of a shooting suit. The cap will be of canvas and the shoes of tan leather. Only the officers will wear hats, which will be of tan leather and have a wide brim. The cap will be of canvas and the shoes of tan leather. Only the officers will wear hats, which will be of tan leather and have a wide brim. The cap will be of canvas and the shoes of tan leather. Only the officers will wear hats, which will be of tan leather and have a wide brim.

FRESH SUPPLIES.

For the army can be sent over at all times. The cattle may be shipped to provide an ample quantity of fresh beef, as the department does not intend to let the men use salt meat more than is unavoidable. Fresh bread will be baked for the army and an abundance of fresh vegetables will be sent over. The army will be supplied with fresh bread, as the department does not intend to let the men use salt meat more than is unavoidable. Fresh bread will be baked for the army and an abundance of fresh vegetables will be sent over.

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A WEARISOME PROBLEM.

Fatigue—How is your husband? I asked one of two women who had met at the bargain counter.
Very much run down was the answer.
Perhaps he works too hard.
No, he doesn't. He has no less sleep than I. He has his own bed and he figures out some way to live without working at all.
